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### INTRODUCTION.

A previous publication<sup>1</sup> of the Bureau of Chemistry dealing with the manufacture of maple-sap sirup gives the distinguishing features of sap sirup and sugar sirup, as well as the results of the chemical examination of 481 samples of sap sirups. The present bulletin deals with the methods of analysis and the composition of maple sugars examined in the former Sugar Laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry in connection with the previous report and of samples collected during the seasons 1910, 1911, and 1912. It is believed that this report may be useful to food chemists who are called upon to examine maple products.

### DEFINITIONS.

As maple sirup is the sap of the live maple tree concentrated to a standard density, with or without the addition of the usual clarifying agents, maple sugar is the solid product resulting from the further concentration of the sirup or of the sap, with or without the addition of clarifiers, and without the loss of any of its constituents other than

<sup>1</sup>U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 134.

the solids precipitated by the concentration. United States Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Food Inspection Decision 161, January 3, 1916, states that "*Maple sugar, maple concrete*, is the solid product resulting from the evaporation of maple sap or maple sirup. *Maple sirup* is sirup made by the evaporation of maple sap or by the solution of maple concrete, and contains not more than thirty-five per cent (35%) of water and weighs not less than eleven (11) pounds to the gallon (231 cu. in.)."

The maple sugar of commerce may be divided into soft or hard sugar or into stirred sugar (sometimes called grain sugar), cake sugar, and tub sugar.

The terms hard sugar and soft sugar apply to the relative hardness of the product; a sugar is said to be hard when it is difficult to break the cake and soft when the cake is easily broken. Hard sugar contains less moisture than soft sugar and is produced by boiling to a higher temperature; that is, by boiling it longer. Determinations of moisture in these two grades are given in tabular form on page 39.

The terms stirred, cake, and tub sugar apply to the form in which the finished product is placed upon the market.

Stirred or grain sugar, sometimes called "crumb" sugar, derives its name from the fact that it is concentrated to a rather high degree, then stirred during cooling and crystallization. The finished product resembles the ordinary commercial brown sugar, and as a rule is dry and slightly lumpy. The color varies from off white to light brown, although there are some dark varieties. It is not often found on the open market, being made mostly for consumption in the farmer's home. Certain sections of the country, however, as Pennsylvania, produce a large quantity of their maple products in this form.

Cake sugar, which may be either soft or hard, is so named because it is molded in the form of cakes varying in size from the 1-ounce cakes of the fancy confectionery trade to those weighing several pounds. The fancy cakes as a rule dissolve readily in the mouth, while the hard cakes are not easily broken by the teeth and can be shipped without cracking. The larger cakes are known as brick sugar. The color varies from off white to black. Imported maple sugar is usually very dark colored. The darker varieties are strong flavored and have more or less taste of caramel.

Tub sugar may be classed as a soft sugar. It gains its name from the fact that the makers concentrate their sirup to the desired density, cool slightly, and then run it into tubs of from 10 to 50 pounds capacity, with an average of 25 pounds. These containers are generally wooden, although tin is sometimes used for fancy trade. Much of the tub sugar is of a low grade and very dark. Often it is in a "mushy" condition and drains badly.

## SAMPLING.

In the case of grain sugar or cake sugar that is hard and dry, sampling is comparatively easy, but with tub sugar or wet cake sugar there is more difficulty, because the liquid portion has drained to some extent and may have left practically pure sucrose. Maple sugar is principally sucrose, or the sugar of commerce, with a mother liquor surrounding the crystals which gives it its particular characteristic qualities. Were the mother liquor removed completely from the crystals of sugar, one would have the ordinary sugar of commerce, granulated sugar or sucrose. Maple sugar brings its high price not on account of the sugar it contains but because of the agreeable flavoring substances which are present in the mother liquor. It is easily argued, then, that if this mother liquor is removed in part the product is not maple sugar, and a person buying it would not be buying maple sugar. With this point of view, it is necessary in sampling a tub of maple sugar or of any soft sugar to see that the product is thoroughly mixed before a sample is drawn, and that the sample represents both the sugar and the proportionate quantity of the mother liquor.

## METHODS OF ANALYSIS.

It is the general practice in the manufacture of maple sugar not to skim or remove the mineral matter which is separated during the boiling and concentration of the sirup; many makers cake the skimmings and settlings, considering that such a procedure does not injure the product in any way and gives it a larger volume. In the production of fancy cake sugar the manufacturer usually skims and removes all sediment carefully before the final boiling for the caking of the sugar. It will be readily seen that the sugar made without skimming or filtration will have a much higher ash content than that which has been carefully cleansed before caking. In order to place all sugar samples upon a comparative basis, it is necessary in the preparation of the sample for analysis to dissolve the sugar and remove the suspended mineral and organic matter. Samples of maple sugar, especially of that made from skimmings and settlings, have been found with an ash content as high as 3 per cent, while sugar made from carefully cleansed sirup sometimes contains as little as 0.77 per cent. If the analysis were made on the sugar itself, it would be possible to add nearly two-thirds white sugar and make a product which, according to the ash, would not be suspected of adulteration, but if this adulterated sugar were made into sirup and the substances foreign to the sugar held in suspension were removed, the ash content would be so reduced that adulteration of two-thirds white sugar would be readily seen.

Jones,<sup>1</sup> recognizing this, recommended that all maple sugar be dissolved to a standard sirup of 11 pounds to the gallon, filtered, and the sirup analyzed, to effect a more certain determination of the presence or absence of adulterants. By this treatment, even with the highest grades of pure maple sugar, he has never obtained a sirup having chemical characteristics which would place it in the list of adulterated products. He states that "It would seem, therefore, that a certain minimum amount of ash can not be removed from pure sugar or sugar made into sirup by the ordinary methods of filtration and that even the slow and complete filtering which is effected by this method fails to remove sufficient ash from the pure goods to admit even a suspicion of adulteration."

The effect of the treatment just described is readily seen in Table I, where the results of the eight samples of maple sugar analyzed as sugar and then analyzed in the sirup condition are tabulated, the individual determinations in all cases being calculated to the moisture-free basis.

TABLE I.—*Analysis of maple sugar as sugar and as sugar sirup.*

Sample No.	Sugar.				Sirup.			
	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Winton lead number.
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	
1.....	0.93	0.42	0.51	2.12	0.87	0.32	0.55	2.18
2.....	.89	.36	.53	2.14	.79	.29	.50	2.05
3.....	1.28	.63	.65	3.28	.84	.23	.61	2.36
4.....	.98	.38	.60	2.51	.82	.24	.58	2.40
5.....	.95	.42	.53	2.46	.79	.24	.55	1.93
6.....	1.22	.67	.55	3.25	.83	.23	.60	2.29
7.....	1.35	.76	.59	3.38	.85	.23	.62	2.35
8.....	1.20	.66	.54	3.16	.84	.23	.61	2.15
Average.....	1.10	.54	.56	2.79	.83	.25	.58	2.21

In the sugar state the total ash varied from 1.35 to 0.89 per cent, a variation of 0.46 per cent, with an average of 1.10 per cent, while after making the sugar into sirup the range was from 0.87 to 0.79 per cent, or a variation of only 0.08 per cent, with an average of 0.83 per cent. In the filtration process 0.27 per cent of ash had been removed, which corresponds practically to the loss in insoluble ash. The soluble ash remained practically the same, corroborated again by the fact that analysis of the precipitate gives only small percentages of sodium or potash salts. The lead number decreased from an average of 2.79 to 2.21 per cent, with variations of the sugar from 3.38 to 2.12, or 1.26 per cent, and of the sugar sirup from 2.40 to 1.93, 0.47 per cent. Here again by analyzing the product in the form of a sirup the maximum and minimum results are brought closer together and adulteration is more easily detected. These figures agree with those obtained by Jones.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Vt. Agr. Exp. Sta., 17th Ann. Rpt. (1904), p. 453; 18th Ann. Rpt. (1905), p. 327.

TABLE II.—*Comparison of sugar and sirup results (Jones).*<sup>1</sup>

Maple sugar.		Sirup from same sugar.		Calculated to dry basis from approximately 65 per cent solids.	
Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.
<i>Per cent.</i> 0.80 1.08	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.34 .64	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.56 .52	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.22 .18	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.86 .80	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.34 .28

<sup>1</sup> Jones does not state that the figures on "Maple sugar" were calculated to a dry basis. The figures on "Sirup from same sugar" are on a basis of 11 pounds to the gallon.

A case has never been noted in which by this treatment the sirup produced gives all analytical figures below the minima discussed on page 45 unless the maple sugar has been adulterated by the use of some other sugar.

Trials were also made to determine whether making into a sugar a second time tended to reduce these figures. Samples of sugar sirups were converted into sugar and then redissolved to a sirup of standard density. As shown in Tables I and II, this treatment does not materially change the results.

TABLE III.—*Analysis of sugar sirups converted into sugar and redissolved to sirup.*

Sirup from first sugaring.				Sirup from second sugaring.			
Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Lead number.	Malic acid value.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Lead number.	Malic acid value.
<i>Per cent.</i> 0.78 .87 .83 .77	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.23 .24 .27 .24	1.86 2.14 2.22 1.86	0.59 .76 .73 .60	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.77 .91 .82 .76	<i>Per cent.</i> 0.23 .24 .28 .25	1.88 2.22 2.25 1.87	0.60 .78 .74 .62

The removal of this precipitated mineral and organic matter, spoken of in commercial manufacture as the refining of the maple sugar, is simply the removal of suspended matter contained in the sugar sirup. As shown by Table III, this does not tend to reduce the analytical figures below the minimum for pure products.

In a later publication <sup>1</sup> Jones calls attention to the effect of concentration on the percentage of the ash and also malic acid value. As a liquid product is concentrated, its power of holding salts in solution becomes less; hence one expects to find less ash in a more concentrated solution than in one of lower concentration. This is true of maple, as shown in Table IV.

<sup>1</sup> Vt. Agr. Exp. Sta. Bul. 167, p. 466.

TABLE IV.—*Effect of concentration of sirup on ash and malic acid values (Jones).*

Concentration.	Ash.			Malic acid value.
	Total.	Soluble.	Insoluble.	
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	
Average of 84 sirups having over 34 per cent water.....	1.02	0.45	0.57	1.00
Average of 42 sirups having from 30 to 34 per cent water.....	.80	.48	.32	.71
Average of 25 sirups having less than 30 per cent water.....	.77	.49	.28	.66

<sup>1</sup> Vt. Agr. Exp. Sta. Bul. 167, p. 466.

It is necessary, then, to use care not to concentrate a sample of sirup made from the sugar under examination beyond a certain point, as there might be a precipitation of material which would cause the analyst to believe the sample was adulterated. The data contained in Table V show the likelihood of such an occurrence.

TABLE V.—*Effect of addition of water on ash and malic acid values (Jones).<sup>1</sup>*

Sample No.	Original sirup.					Water added and heated.				
	Moisture.	Ash.			Malic acid value.	Moisture.	Ash.			Malic acid value.
		Total.	Soluble.	Insoluble.			Total.	Soluble.	Insoluble.	
	<i>Per ct.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>		<i>Per ct.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>	
105.....	30.53	0.79	0.54	0.25	0.61	39.21	0.81	0.53	0.28	0.63
113.....	29.99	.75	.50	.25	.73	37.25	.96	.55	.41	.75
104.....	29.46	.69	.47	.22	.60	35.40	.77	.43	.34	.74
107.....	27.90	.71	.50	.21	.58	35.05	.79	.54	.25	.61
108.....	29.64	.65	.45	.20	.49	33.27	.75	.52	.23	.52
114.....	30.69	.71	.49	.22	.56	35.75	.92	.65	.27	.62
110.....	30.94	.67	.44	.23	.65	35.62	.81	.56	.25	.61
115.....	31.04	.72	.51	.21	.62	38.00	.87	.61	.26	.60
91.....	26.75	.72	.44	.28	.90	35.95	.78	.51	.27	.61
111.....	28.29	.77	.53	.24	.67	39.40	.86	.60	.26	.66
117.....	30.70	.74	.51	.23	.61	35.75	.87	.53	.34	.64
Average.....	29.63	.72	.49	.23	.64	36.42	.83	.55	.28	.63

<sup>1</sup> Vt. Agr. Exp. Sta. Bul. 167, p. 471.

The original samples were concentrated in each case below the 65 per cent solid content and showed low analytical figures in most cases. Taking these same samples, with the sediment contained therein, and adding water and boiling again to about a 35 per cent moisture content, the analytical figures, with the possible exception of No. 108, where the second concentration is below 35 per cent, are well within the bounds of pure products. Average figures show that changing the concentration from 29.63 per cent water to 36.42 per cent has increased the ash from 0.72 to 0.83 per cent, and the insoluble ash from 0.23 to 0.28 per cent, but has not changed the malic acid content. From this, it is seen that in concentrating the maple sugar sirup for analysis the dry substance of the finished sirup should not be much over 65 to 66 per cent.

# COLLECTION OF SAMPLES.

Part of the samples were collected by the authors and part by the official inspectors of the department from makers of maple products. The authenticity of these samples can not then be doubted.

# PREPARATION OF SAMPLE.

All chemical examinations were made on a sirup prepared by dissolving 100 grams of the maple sugar in at least 200 cc of water, and boiling the solution down to a consistency of 65 per cent of solid matter. When an undue amount of sediment rendered the solution cloudy, it was boiled until the sirup consisted of about 30 per cent dry matter, after which it was filtered and concentrated to the 65 per cent basis. These solutions were kept at a temperature of 20° C. for two days, during which time the sediment settled, leaving a clear liquid for the determinations.

The physical points ascertained were color of sugar, color of sirup, and taste. The chemical examination consisted in the estimation of sucrose, invert sugar, ash, lead number, and malic acid value, and qualitative test for tannin. A moisture determination was made on a few sugar samples.

# COLOR.

*Sugar*.—The determination on sugar, at best only approximate, was made by comparison with the Dutch standards of color. Eighteen standard sugars, varying from the very dark brown grade of No. 8 to the slightly yellowish white of No. 25, are contained in square glass bottles, which are filled and sealed by an association of sugar brokers in Amsterdam, Holland. As originally prepared, this set of colors was used by the Dutch to grade moist sugars coming from their possessions in the East India Islands, Java, etc. New sets identical in color with the first standards are prepared each year. Although grain maple sugar could be very readily compared, it was necessary to break up the cake or lump sugar and compare the average color of the broken surface with the standards. In most cases this color was practically that of the outside, but in some instances the fracture was almost white.

*Sirup*.—The set of standard colors employed in the grading of maple-sap sirup<sup>1</sup> was used in this determination.

# TASTE.

The sirups were tasted by two persons, who graded each sample as good, poor, or rank.

# MOISTURE IN SIRUP.

The Abbé heatable prism refractometer and the table of Geerlig<sup>2</sup> were used for this determination.

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 134, p. 15, pl. 1.

<sup>2</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Cir. 43, p. 7; U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 122, p. 169; Jour. Amer. Chem. Soc., 30 (1909), pp. 1443-51.

## SUCROSE.

Sucrose was determined from the direct and invert polarization, by the Clerget formula,<sup>1</sup> using the factor 142.66 and hydrochloric acid as the hydrolyst. The results on a number of samples where invertase was the hydrolyst were identical with those obtained with the acid inversion.

## INVERT SUGAR.

Munson and Walker's method and tables<sup>2</sup> were used. The procedure, which is the same as applied to the sap sirups, is given on page 16 of Bureau of Chemistry Bulletin 134.

## ASH.

Five grams of the sample were ashed in a platinum dish in an electric oven in the usual way.<sup>3</sup> After ashing, a few drops of ammonium carbonate solution were added, the whole evaporated, ignited, and reweighed. The same procedure was followed in the case of insoluble ash. Alkalinity determinations of the soluble and insoluble ash were also made by the usual method.

In valuing maple products, the percentage of total ash is important as well as difficult to ascertain, so that the utmost care is necessary in carrying out this determination. Table VI shows determinations of ash on the same sample: (1) By burning over a free flame at a low heat and again at a red heat; (2) by burning in a muffle at a low and again at a high heat; (3) by burning in an electric oven at ordinary temperature. Following the results in the table are the same determinations after treatment with ammonium carbonate and reignition.

TABLE VI.—*Effect of method of burning on ash content.*

[Not calculated to dry basis.]

Ex- peri- ment No.	Sample No.	Burned.	Temperature.	Ash. <sup>4</sup>	Ash after adding ammonium carbonate and heat- ing. <sup>4</sup>
				<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
1	8337	{ Free flame.....	Low.....	0.55	0.55
		{ ...do.....	High.....	.50	.54
		{ Electric muffle.....	Low.....	.53	.54
		{ Gas muffle.....	Low.....	.54	.54
		{ ...do.....	High.....	.49	.54
2	9235	{ Free flame.....	Low.....	.51	.50
		{ ...do.....	High.....	.44	.51
		{ Electric muffle.....	Low.....	.52	.51
3	8337	{ Free flame.....	Low.....	.53	.53
		{ ...do.....	High <sup>5</sup> .....	.31	.34
4	8512	{ Free flame.....	Low.....	.46	.46
		{ ...do.....	High <sup>5</sup> .....	.37	.40
5	8554	{ Free flame.....	Low.....	.48	.48
		{ ...do.....	High <sup>5</sup> .....	.40	.42
		{ Electric muffle.....	Low.....	.47	.47

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 107, Rev., p. 41.<sup>2</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 107, Rev., p. 241.<sup>3</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 134, pp. 16-17.<sup>4</sup> Average figures.<sup>5</sup> Temperature much higher than in the first two experiments.

In experiments 1 and 2 the results of burning in the three different ways are the same when the heat is low. When, however, the heat is increased, the percentage drop is 0.05 per cent in experiment 1 and 0.07 per cent in experiment 2, but the addition of ammonium carbonate brings the results back to the normal. In these two cases the extra heating has caused the formation of the oxid from the carbonate, but has not volatilized any of the ash. Repeating experiment 1 with a much greater heat, the ash drops 0.22 per cent and comes back only 0.03 per cent when moistened and reburned. Similar results were obtained in experiments 4 and 5, in both of which the percentage of ash did not come up to the normal by heating with ammonium carbonate. All three show the volatilization of some of the ash.

This all shows the necessity of using the utmost care in carrying out this determination. A very dull red is the highest to which an ash should be heated; then ammonium carbonate should be added and the dish reheated for true results.

#### LEAD NUMBER.

Two determinations of the lead number were made, using basic lead acetate solution in both. The lead number using normal lead acetate, as described in Bureau of Chemistry Bulletin 134, page 17, was not determined on these samples. The ordinary Winton lead number determination<sup>1</sup> was made and also the modification by S. H. Ross,<sup>2</sup> which is as follows:

Transfer 25 grams of the sirup to a 100 cc flask, using about 25 cc of distilled water; add 10 cc of potassium sulphate solution (7 grams per liter),<sup>3</sup> then 25 cc of lead subacetate solution of the strength specified by Winton. Make up to the mark, shake thoroughly, and allow to stand 3 hours. Filter, rejecting the first portion of the filtrate. Pipette off 10 cc of the clear filtrate into a 250-cc beaker, dilute to 50 cc, add 2 cc of 20 per cent sulphuric acid and 100 cc of 95 per cent alcohol. Let stand overnight, filter off the lead sulphate on an ignited, weighed Gooch crucible, wash with 95 per cent alcohol, dry, ignite at low redness for 3 minutes in a muffle or over a burner, taking care to avoid reducing cone of the flame, and weigh. Run a blank in exactly the same way, substituting 25 grams of a pure cane sugar sirup (66 per cent sucrose content) in place of the sirup to be tested.<sup>4</sup> Subtract the weight of the lead sulphate, obtained from 10 cc of the sirup test filtrate, from that obtained from 10 cc of the cane sugar sirup blank filtrate. The remainder, expressed in grams and multiplied by 27.325, gives the modified Winton lead number.

In both of these tests the composition of the lead subacetate solution is of the greatest importance, as it greatly influences the lead number. The average results of the basic lead acetate and normal lead acetate lead number taken from the work on sap sirups,<sup>5</sup> 2.70

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 134, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Cir. 53.

<sup>3</sup> Freshly boiled distilled water should be used throughout.

<sup>4</sup> Do not use acetic acid in this blank; acidified blank is suggested for use only with original Winton method.

<sup>5</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 134, p. 89.

standing for the basic solution and 0.79 for the normal lead, indicate what may happen when the basicity of the acetate is changed. Browne has called attention to the fact that the basicity of the lead acetate affects the polarization and also that by digestion of varying amounts of neutral lead acetate and litharge at least three well-defined subacetates may be prepared.<sup>1</sup> Changes in treatment as to temperature and length of time of heating and also quantity of the two ingredients may form any one of these or a mixture of two.

An attempt was made to prepare solutions of these different basic lead acetates by varying the amount of lead oxid and the manner of solution as shown in Table VII. After the solutions were made up they were diluted to the same Brix as Winton's solution and a layer of heavy oil placed on top. The alkalinity and amount of lead were determined in each.

TABLE VII.—*Effect of method of preparation on basicity of lead acetate solution.*

Solution No.	Lead acetate.	Litharge.	Water.	Solution treatment.	Brix reading.	Nitric acid.	Lead.	
	Grams.	Grams.	Cc.		Degrees.	Cc N/10 acid per 10 cc.	Per cent.	Grams per 2.5 cc.
1.....	37.9	22.3	330	Stood a week; shaken.	15.60	30.15	5.70	0.1426
2.....	37.9	44.6	330	Solution lost.				
3.....	75.8	22.3	330	Stood a week; shaken.	15.80	18.55	5.59	.1398
4.....	Horne's dry lead subacetate dissolved.				15.60	26.25	5.82	.1454
5.....	43.0	13.0	1,000	Boiled half hour.....	16.20	26.00	5.68	.1421
6.....	37.9	22.3	330	Do.....	15.77	27.50	5.80	.1449
7.....	75.8	22.3	330	Do.....	15.87	19.60	5.73	.1433
8.....	Neutral lead acetate, saturated solution.				15.87	2.00	5.44	.1359

The lead numbers of six samples of maple sirup were determined, using these seven solutions. The results appear in Table VIII.

TABLE VIII.—*Effect of basicity of lead acetate solutions upon the lead number.*

Sample No.	Lead solution number.						
	1	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.....	1.49	1.13	1.29	1.31	1.40	1.13	0.29
2.....	1.74	1.34	1.42	1.51	1.62	1.27	.36
3.....	1.79	1.41	1.57	1.56	1.72	1.39	.36
4.....	1.61	1.29	1.37	1.46	1.55	1.26	.34
5.....	2.00	1.47	1.64	1.70	1.80	1.41	.39
6.....	1.86	1.40	1.58	1.63	1.78	1.47	.37
Average.....	1.75	1.34	1.48	1.53	1.64	1.32	.35

Solution 4, the one usually employed, consisted of 3 parts of lead acetate to 2 parts of lead oxid. Solution 5 was carefully prepared by a method that should give this acetate. The results obtained from solutions 4 and 5 agree fairly well, the difference between the averages being only 0.05. Solutions 1 and 6 give results that are

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 122, p. 223.

much above the true lead number, while solutions 3 and 7 are below the true results. Solutions 1 and 6 contain more litharge in proportion to lead acetate than solutions 3 and 7, and likewise show a greater alkalinity. The alkalinity of the solution plays an important part, for when there is practically no alkalinity, as in No. 8, the lead number drops to an average of 0.35.

By preparing the solution of basic lead acetate strictly according to the method outlined in Bureau of Chemistry Bulletin 107, Revised, or in Winton's original method, or by solution of Horne's dry lead subacetate, the results of analysis should be comparable and easily duplicated. The acidity of the sample itself has little effect on the lead number, as shown in Table IX.

TABLE IX.—*Winton lead number of sirup before and after neutralization.*

[Not calculated to dry basis.]

Sample.	No. 8451.	No. 9235.
Straight sirup.....	1.75	1.49
Sirup after neutralization.....	1.78	1.56

In both samples the lead number was determined on the original sample and again on the same sample after neutralizing the acidity with tenth-normal potassium hydroxid, using phenolphthalein as an indicator. The acidity in one case, No. 8451, equaled 1 cc, in the other, No. 9235, 3 cc, of the tenth-normal potassium hydroxid to 100 cc. The neutralization increased the lead number by only 0.03 and 0.07, respectively.

#### MALIC ACID VALUE.

The calcium acetate method proposed by Cowles <sup>1</sup> was used for this determination. In the Bureau's previous work, it had been found that the blanks with calcium acetate were more even and the procedure indicated for this method gave a good precipitate which settled easily. The procedure is as follows:

Weigh 6.7 grams of the sample in a sugar dish, transfer to a 200-cc beaker with 5 cc of water, add 2 cc of a 10 per cent calcium acetate solution, and shake. Stir in 100 cc of 95 per cent alcohol and warm the solution until the precipitate settles, leaving the supernatant liquid clear. Filter off the precipitate and wash with 75 cc of 85 per cent alcohol, dry the filter paper, and ignite in a platinum dish. Add 10 cc of tenth-normal hydrochloric acid and warm gently until all the lime dissolves. Cool and titrate back with tenth-normal sodium hydroxid, using methyl orange as an indicator. One-tenth of the number of cubic centimeters of tenth-normal acid is the malic acid value. Run a blank determination with each set of determinations, using the same amount of reagents, and subtract the result obtained from the malic acid number.

<sup>1</sup> Jour. Amer. Chem. Soc., 30 (1908), p. 1285.

## TANNIN REACTION.

A test for the presence of tannin was made in all of the samples by the ferric chlorid reaction as described in Bureau of Chemistry Bulletin 134, page 18.

## RESULTS OF ANALYSIS.

The results of analysis of the samples, given in Table X, are arranged by States and counties. The location of the county in the State is shown by the usual symbols, namely, □ center, -□ west of center, ▤ southwest of center, etc. The results of the chemical examination have been calculated to the dry basis for better comparison. Averages have been made for the samples from the individual States, from Canada, and from the United States as a whole, as well as for all of the samples collected.

TABLE X.—*Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples.*  
[Calculated to dry basis.]  
INDIANA.

Serial number and county or district.	Physical properties.			Chemical analysis.										Lead number.		Malic acid value.	Serial num-ber.
	Color.		Taste.	Sucrose (Cler-get).	Invert-sugar.	Unde-ter-mined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insolu-ble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.		Tannin reaction.	Win-ton.	Ross.		
	Sugar.	Sirup.									Soluble ash.	Insolu-ble ash.					
Clinton□:	16	11+	Fair....	Per ct. 85.60	Per ct. 9.53	Per ct. 3.69	Per ct. 1.18	Per ct. 0.83	Per ct. 0.35	2.37	103	99	None....	3.86	4.66	1.12	8437
8438.....	14	14	do....	81.94	11.25	5.84	.97	.66	.31	2.13	80	80	do....	2.92	3.68	.88	8438
8439.....	16	10	Good....	91.96	4.15	3.00	.89	.64	.25	2.56	72	62	do....	2.50	3.23	.81	8439
Hamilton□:	(1)	10+	do....	92.75	2.29	3.80	1.16	.70	.46	1.52	89	113	do....	2.84	3.66	1.09	8443
8444.....	(1)	9	Fair....	92.58	3.33	3.25	.84	.60	.24	2.50	74	61	do....	2.17	3.09	.76	8444
8445.....	(1)	9	do....	91.86	3.88	3.26	1.00	.71	.29	2.45	84	87	do....	3.05	3.71	1.02	8445
8446.....	(1)	11+	do....	83.00	12.29	3.74	.97	.72	.25	2.88	89	72	do....	2.73	3.59	.89	8446
Johnson□:	(1)	10	do....	90.10	5.26	3.56	1.08	.77	.31	2.48	89	95	do....	3.09	4.14	1.05	8458
8458.....	(1)	8	Good....	94.25	1.75	3.09	.91	.68	.23	2.95	82	70	do....	2.52	3.01	.79	8459
Lawrence□:	(1)	7	do....	95.11	1.21	2.56	1.12	.89	.23	3.87	103	75	do....	2.94	3.75	1.08	8457
8457.....	(1)	20+	Burned.	86.03	12.13	.26	1.58	.81	.77	1.05	96	146	Trace....	4.09	3.73	1.24	6394
Madison□:	9	11+	Fair....	92.12	3.94	2.72	1.22	.69	.53	1.30	86	126	None....	2.81	3.91	.83	8473
Marion□:	(1)	13	do....	85.20	9.08	4.54	1.18	.62	.56	1.11	75	145	do....	3.55	4.20	1.18	8474
8473.....	(1)	12	Poor....	86.27	10.56	1.70	1.47	1.06	.41	2.58	108	95	do....	4.43	4.55	1.27	8475
8475.....	(1)	7+	Good....	92.95	2.86	3.23	.96	.67	.29	2.31	93	66	do....	3.07	3.55	.99	8386
Morgan□:	21	11	Fair....	91.97	4.28	2.55	1.20	.63	.57	1.10	79	149	do....	3.40	4.09	1.26	8469
8386.....	(1)	10+	do....	93.29	3.20	2.60	.91	.68	.23	2.95	90	69	do....	2.62	3.51	.90	8470
Putnam□:	(1)	9	do....	90.76	4.82	3.49	.93	.62	.31	2.00	79	85	do....	2.82	3.60	.94	8471
8470.....	(1)	9	Good....	95.34	1.41	2.36	.89	.66	.23	2.87	91	67	do....	2.39	3.21	.83	8472
8472.....	(1)	10+	.....	90.16	5.64	2.12	1.08	.72	.36	2.00	87	93	.....	3.04	3.73	1.00	.....
Average (19).....	2 15	20+	Maximum.....	95.34	12.29	5.84	1.58	1.06	.77	3.87	108	149	.....	4.43	4.66	1.27	.....
Maximum.....	21	7	.....	81.94	1.21	.26	.84	.60	.23	1.05	72	61	.....	2.17	3.01	.76	.....
Minimum.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> Undetermined.

<sup>2</sup> Average of 5 determinations.

TABLE X.—*Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples—Continued.*

## MAINE.

Serial number and county or district.	Physical properties.			Chemical analysis.										Lead number.		Serial number.			
	Color.		Taste.	Sucrose (Clerget).	Invert sugar.	Undetermined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.			Tannin reaction.	Win-ton.		Ross.		
	Sugar.	Sirup.									Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.					Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.
Franklin Co.	16	11	Good....	Per cent. 96.20	Per cent. 1.85	Per cent. 0.99	Per cent. 0.96	Per cent. 0.62	Per cent. 0.34	1.82	80	Cc. 80	1.00	None....	2.38	3.64	6701		
Oxford Co.	18	11	do....	95.84	1.74	1.52	.90	.63	.27	2.33	79	79	1.00	do....	2.45	3.65	6702		
	12	10	Fair....	87.00	10.93	1.11	.96	.65	.31	2.10	67	88	.76	do....	2.81	3.75	6700		
	14	12	Good....	97.39	1.72	.11	.78	.55	.23	2.39	71	31	2.29	do....	2.08	2.57	7594		
Average (4)	15	11		94.11	4.06	.93	.90	.61	.29	2.10	74	69	1.07		2.43	3.40	82		
Maximum....	18	12	Maximum....	97.39	10.93	1.52	.96	.65	.34	2.39	80	88	2.29		2.81	3.75	.99		
Minimum....	12	10		87.00	1.72	.11	.78	.55	.23	1.82	67	31	.76		2.08	2.57	.65		

## MARYLAND.

Garrett Co.	12	11	Fair.	94.23	3.72	1.13	0.92	0.63	0.29	2.17	83	70	None.	3.23	3.58	7506
7507.	13	12	do.	94.70	2.20	2.18	.92	.60	.32	1.88	78	83	do.	2.55	3.02	7507
7508.	14	12+	do.	94.73	3.06	1.08	1.13	.77	.36	2.14	87	105	Slight.	3.21	3.37	7508
7510.	16	7	Good.	96.92	1.03	1.19	.86	.61	.25	2.44	69	56	None.	2.15	2.47	7510
7511.	16	13	do.	96.04	1.31	1.84	.81	.44	.37	1.19	58	81	do.	2.42	2.58	7511
7512.	15	13	do.	94.45	2.52	2.25	.78	.55	.23	2.39	57	64	do.	2.14	2.32	7512
7513.	13	12	do.	95.81	1.26	1.26	.97	.70	.27	2.39	75	68	do.	2.47	2.98	7513
7514.	14	8	do.	97.49	1.28	1.41	.82	.63	.29	2.18	65	68	do.	2.42	2.98	7514
7516.	17	9	do.	96.56	.97	1.56	.91	.50	.41	1.22	61	91	do.	2.79	3.06	7516
7518.	18	11	Fair.	97.90	.65	1.65	1.80	.51	.29	1.76	61	73	do.	2.13	3.03	7518
8413.	18	13	do.	94.34	2.11	2.44	1.11	.77	.34	2.26	95	89	do.	3.19	3.78	8413
Average (11).	15	11		95.35	1.89	1.82	.91	.60	.31	1.94	71	77		2.61	2.99	.85
Maximum.	18	13		97.90	3.72	2.44	1.13	.77	.41	2.59	95	105		3.23	3.78	1.08
Minimum.	12	7		94.23	.65	.41	.78	.44	.23	1.19	57	36		2.13	2.32	.62

MASSACHUSETTS.

Berkshire:	13	11	Good	97.02	2.02	0.00	0.99	0.61	0.28	2.17	78	79	0.98	Slight	2.92	3.46	6597
6597	13	8	do.	83.54	14.54	1.05	.87	.62	.25	2.48	67	67	1.00	None	2.31	3.26	6598
Franklin:	15	8	Fair	94.09	4.59	.29	1.03	.69	.34	2.03	83	83	1.00	Slight	3.29	3.71	6621
6621	13	8	do.	92.55	5.54	.67	.94	.69	.25	2.70	87	68	1.28	do.	3.05	3.42	6622
6622	12	10	do.	86.74	11.96	.32	.98	.72	.26	2.77	84	72	1.16	do.	2.86	3.54	6624
6624	12	11	do.	87.38	11.22	.69	.92	.69	.23	3.00	84	62	1.35	do.	2.47	3.63	6626
6626	15	8	Good	97.36	7.73	.69	1.02	.79	.23	3.43	90	62	1.45	None	2.70	3.49	7564
7564	15	12	do.	98.02	7.79	.19	1.00	.69	.27	2.70	92	68	1.35	do.	2.17	3.25	7565
7565	15	9	Fair	98.13	8.66	.09	.92	.69	.23	3.00	80	62	1.29	do.	2.41	2.70	7566
7566	19	7	do.	98.62	7.12	.99	.75	.24	.31	3.12	73	66	1.10	do.	2.57	3.12	7567
7567	17	8	do.	97.12	1.00	.89	.64	.25	.25	2.56	80	64	1.25	do.	2.44	3.08	7568
Hampden:	13	8	do.	93.34	5.71	.03	.92	.69	.23	3.00	78	61	1.28	do.	2.36	3.17	6508
6508	13	9	do.	94.89	3.79	.23	1.09	.78	.31	2.51	89	67	1.33	do.	2.81	3.33	6509
6509	13	8	do.	85.16	13.24	.58	1.02	.76	.26	2.92	82	70	1.17	do.	3.01	3.77	6510
Average (14)	14	9	do.	93.17	5.44	.41	.98	.72	.26	2.77	82	68	1.21	do.	2.67	3.35	.....
Maximum	19	12	Maximum	98.02	14.54	1.05	1.09	.79	.34	3.43	92	83	1.45	do.	3.29	3.77	.....
Minimum	12	7	do.	83.54	27	.....	.87	.61	.23	2.03	67	61	.98	do.	2.17	2.70	.....

MICHIGAN.

Barry:	14	10+	Fair	93.86	1.79	3.52	0.83	0.60	0.23	2.61	74	63	1.17	None	2.29	3.02	8358
8358	12	12	do.	95.26	2.48	1.41	.85	.62	.23	2.69	82	58	1.41	Slight	2.35	3.08	8359
Branch:	12	12	Poor	90.87	4.75	3.47	.91	.55	.36	1.53	65	91	.71	None	2.76	3.33	8345
8345	14	10	Fair	91.86	3.85	3.25	.94	.63	.31	2.03	86	71	1.21	do.	2.42	3.44	8345
8345	12	11	do.	91.98	5.06	2.17	.79	.55	.24	2.29	66	60	1.10	Slight	1.93	3.28	8356
8356	15	9	Good	95.53	.41	3.11	.95	.68	.27	2.52	81	75	1.08	None	2.18	2.83	8357
Ingham:	14	12	Poor	93.13	5.10	.73	1.04	.78	.26	3.00	75	90	.84	Slight	3.13	3.66	6457
6457	13	10	Fair	89.78	8.00	1.27	.95	.67	.28	2.39	74	83	.89	do.	2.98	3.72	6458
6458	13	9	Good	82.99	15.17	.99	.85	.68	.27	2.15	63	82	.77	do.	2.78	3.82	6459
6459	14	9	do.	97.12	1.08	.98	.82	.46	.36	1.28	62	90	.69	None	2.48	3.35	7524
7524	11	15	Fair	92.04	4.54	2.50	.61	.31	.31	1.97	72	87	.83	do.	2.52	3.42	7526
7526	12	11	Good	97.05	.89	1.09	.97	.74	.23	3.22	86	62	1.38	do.	2.46	3.11	7525
7525	10	15	Burned	82.38	14.34	2.18	1.10	.67	.43	1.56	68	116	.59	Trace	3.28	4.03	6476
6476	15	10	Fair	91.64	6.38	1.06	.92	.69	.23	3.00	83	67	1.22	None	2.60	3.43	8360
8360	14	10	do.	94.75	2.23	2.18	.84	.62	.22	2.82	77	56	1.38	do.	2.15	3.14	8361

TABLE X.—*Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples—Continued.*

MICHIGAN—Continued.

Serial number and county or dist.ict.	Physical properties.		Chemical analysis.										Lead number.		Male acid value.	Serial number.	
	Color.		Taste.	Sucrose (Clerget).	Invert sugar.	Undetermined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.		Tannin reaction.	Wint.			Ross.
	Sugar.	Sirup.									Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.					
Kent Co:	13	10	Fair.....	Per ct. 95.05	Per ct. 3.57	Per ct. .46	Per ct. .92	Per ct. .61	Per ct. 1.97	Cc. 75	Cc. 92	0.81	Slight....	3.11	3.72	1.03	6499
	13	13	do.....	91.45	4.14	3.45	.96	.61	1.74	70	95	.73	do.....	2.72	3.59	.90	8362
	12	13+	do.....	90.00	6.88	2.31	.81	.58	2.52	72	61	1.18	do.....	2.18	3.03	.69	8364
	13	13	do.....	90.32	6.85	2.06	.77	.54	2.35	65	57	1.14	do.....	1.96	2.92	.61	8365
	13	10+	do.....	95.56	2.33	1.18	.93	.70	2.3	3.04	74	56	1.32	None....	1.91	2.54	.60
Leawee Co:	14	9	do.....	94.80	7.94	2.49	.77	.54	2.35	72	60	1.20	do.....	2.13	2.89	1.15	8354
Ottawa Co:	12	10	do.....	85.45	10.69	2.83	1.03	.67	1.87	74	102	.72	Slight....	3.29	4.18	1.08	6489
8363	11+	11+	do.....	93.26	4.08	1.89	.79	.53	2.03	67	83	.81	do.....	2.42	3.13	.78	8363
Average (23).....	13	11	do.....	92.00	4.03	2.47	.90	.62	2.21	73	76	.96	do.....	2.52	3.33	.83	.....
Maximum.....	15	15	do.....	97.12	15.17	3.52	1.10	.78	3.22	86	116	1.41	do.....	3.29	4.18	1.15	.....
Minimum.....	11	9	do.....	82.38	.41	.46	.77	.46	1.28	62	56	.59	do.....	1.91	2.54	.60	.....

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Cheshire Co:																	
7581.....	14	9	Good.....	87.43	1.10	0.48	0.99	0.71	2.52	80	77	1.04	None.....	2.55	3.35	0.90	7581
7582.....	13	11	Poor.....	91.96	6.15	3.91	.98	.70	2.50	78	81	.97	Slight.....	2.42	3.36	.78	7582
8432.....	16	10	Fair.....	94.40	1.36	3.43	.81	.56	2.24	73	61	1.19	None.....	1.97	3.76	.75	8432
8433.....	16	9	do.....	94.92	1.09	2.35	.84	.99	2.36	76	58	1.31	do.....	1.91	3.00	.76	8433
8434.....	13	13	do.....	93.47	2.10	3.63	.80	.47	1.42	64	83	.77	do.....	2.17	2.65	.72	8434
Grafton Co:																	
6678.....	13	9	do.....	79.09	16.77	2.70	.84	.48	1.33	66	81	.81	do.....	2.43	4.32	.90	6678
6679.....	12	9	do.....	69.81	27.21	2.12	.86	.48	1.27	69	91	.75	do.....	2.81	3.78	1.02	6679
6684.....	13	9	do.....	90.83	7.43	3.86	.88	.52	1.45	75	88	.85	do.....	2.44	3.49	.96	6684
6685.....	11	13	Burned.....	91.57	6.08	1.41	.94	.51	1.18	63	97	.65	Trace.....	2.49	3.52	1.05	6685

NEW YORK.

Hillsborough □:	13	11	Good	93.13	4.29	1.65	.93	.67	.26	2.57	83	62	1.34	None...	2.41	3.35	93	6662
	13	11	do.	92.65	5.70	.52	1.13	.74	.39	1.89	87	104	.83	Slight	3.48	4.27	1.21	6663
	14	8	Fair	84.65	12.69	1.73	.93	.64	.29	2.21	81	81	1.00	None...	2.97	3.94	1.09	6677
	13+	10		89.54	7.71	1.84	.91	.59	.32	1.84	75	80	.94		2.50	3.50	.92	
Sullivan □:	16	13	Maximum	97.43	27.21	3.63	1.13	.74	.43	2.57	87	104	1.34		3.48	4.32	1.21	
	11	8		69.81	1.10	.48	.80	.48	.25	1.18	63	61	.65		1.91	2.65	.72	
Allegany □:																		
Allegany □:	14	8	Fair	84.46	11.70	3.00	0.84	0.48	0.36	1.33	60	66	0.90	None...	2.17	3.22	0.75	6545
	16	12	do.	94.70	3.88	.45	.97	.64	.33	1.91	58	79	.73	Slight	2.71	3.28	.97	6546
	13	10	Good	97.20	1.15	.75	.90	.67	.23	2.91	86	55	1.56	None...	2.41	3.46	.86	7546
	11	12	do.	96.08	2.03	.04	.85	.61	.24	2.54	79	57	1.39	do.	2.37	3.05	.77	7547
	16	7	do.	97.75	.34	1.06	.85	.61	.24	2.54	81	60	1.35	do.	2.52	3.01	.88	7548
	15	8	do.	97.54	.51	1.09	.86	.63	.23	2.74	83	53	1.56	do.	2.45	2.98	.83	7549
	14	10	do.	96.20	2.13	.76	.91	.67	.24	2.79	83	55	1.51	do.	2.67	3.11	.82	7550
	13	11	do.	96.08	1.50	1.54	.88	.63	.25	2.52	87	65	1.34	do.	2.61	3.29	.80	7551
	15	8	do.	98.03	.29	.68	1.00	.73	.27	2.70	88	54	1.63	do.	2.36	3.03	.80	7552
	18	8	do.	95.30	1.25	2.38	1.87	.55	.32	1.72	71	72	.98	do.	2.18	2.75	.84	8324
Cattaraugus □:	18	9	do.	95.06	1.14	3.01	.79	.50	.29	1.73	67	73	.92	do.	2.05	2.74	.82	8325
	12	10	do.	97.88	1.07	.10	.95	.69	.26	2.65	58	75	.77	do.	2.45	2.77	.95	6547
	12	11	Fair	97.12	1.78	.22	.88	.61	.27	2.26	65	78	.88	Slight	2.41	2.79	.80	6601
	13	8	Good	97.07	1.47	.61	.85	.60	.25	2.40	68	74	.92	None...	2.18	2.72	.96	6602
Chautauqua □:	13	9	Fair	90.47	7.72	.88	.93	.61	.32	1.91	53	82	.64	do.	2.61	3.18	1.04	6548
	8	13	do.	84.48	12.70	1.84	.98	.58	.40	1.45	52	91	.57	Slight	2.74	3.37	.95	6549
	11	10+	Good	96.24	2.64	.10	1.02	.70	.32	2.18	83	80	1.04	do.	2.73	3.22	1.05	6550
	13	8	do.	97.70	1.53	.04	.80	.55	.23	2.89	69	63	1.13	None...	2.78	3.11	.93	6552
	13	8	do.	95.80	2.80	.39	1.01	.75	.26	2.50	77	77	1.00	do.	2.46	3.12	.92	6553
	16	10	do.	98.02	.71	.49	.78	.54	.24	2.27	69	60	1.15	do.	2.14	2.87	.71	7553
	14	8	do.	98.00	.31	.90	.79	.96	.23	2.43	78	70	1.56	do.	2.36	2.57	.73	7554
	12	11	do.	98.16	1.96	1.02	.86	.55	.31	1.77	64	70	1.56	do.	2.36	2.77	.74	7555
	12	14	do.	96.42	.86	1.78	.96	.49	.47	1.04	66	96	.68	do.	2.20	3.00	.70	7556
	13	9	do.	97.80	.96	1.16	1.08	.81	.27	3.00	73	61	1.19	do.	2.64	2.98	.73	7557
Chenango □:	13	7	do.	96.20	1.01	2.01	.78	.53	.25	2.12	75	70	1.07	do.	2.23	2.98	.89	8328
	14	8	Poor	84.89	13.20	.99	.92	.67	.25	2.68	77	74	1.04	do.	2.74	3.58	.94	6486
	13	9+	Fair	94.81	3.97	.23	.99	.67	.32	2.09	76	83	.92	do.	2.86	3.42	1.05	6487
Cortland □:	14	9	do.	97.34	1.56	.27	.83	.60	.23	2.61	79	58	1.36	do.	2.26	2.73	.74	6472
	12	9	do.	93.12	5.34	.57	.97	.62	.35	1.78	74	86	.86	Slight	2.97	3.53	1.05	6479
	11	11	Good	97.53	1.00	.44	1.03	.75	.28	2.69	85	74	1.15	do.	2.69	3.17	.94	6485
	13	10	Fair	96.46	2.07	.39	1.08	.84	.24	3.50	79	71	1.11	do.	2.67	3.11	1.02	6554

1 Average of 22 determinations.

TABLE X.—*Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples—Continued.*

NEW YORK—Continued.

Serial number and county or district.	Physical properties.			Chemical analysis.										Lead number.		Malic acid value.	Serial number.	
	Color.		Taste.	Invert sugar.	Undetermined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.		Tannin reaction.	Win-ton.	Ross.				
	Sugar.	Sirup.								Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.							
															Soluble ash.			Insoluble ash.
Courtland—Continued.																		
6555.....	15	7	Fair.....	Per ct. 94.24	Per ct. 4.06	Per ct. 0.91	Per ct. 0.79	Per ct. 0.53	Per ct. 0.26	2.03	Cc. 52	Cc. 68	0.77	Slight.....	2.21	2.88	0.83	6555
7359.....	15	9	Good.....	Per ct. 97.61	Per ct. 1.02	Per ct. 0.58	Per ct. 0.79	Per ct. 0.51	Per ct. 0.28	1.82	49	58	0.85	do.....	1.86	2.89	0.60	7359
7360.....	12	9	Good.....	Per ct. 96.04	Per ct. 0.77	Per ct. 0.81	Per ct. 0.78	Per ct. 0.51	Per ct. 0.27	1.89	64	59	1.08	do.....	1.87	2.31	0.67	7360
7361.....	12	11	Fair.....	Per ct. 97.48	Per ct. 0.83	Per ct. 0.88	Per ct. 0.81	Per ct. 0.58	Per ct. 0.23	2.52	76	50	1.52	do.....	2.37	2.45	0.70	7361
7362.....	17	7	Good.....	Per ct. 98.01	Per ct. 1.30	Per ct. 0.98	Per ct. 0.98	Per ct. 0.75	Per ct. 0.23	3.21	68	57	1.19	do.....	2.14	2.65	0.76	7362
Delaware □:																		
6636.....	17	7	Fair.....	Per ct. 97.46	Per ct. 1.22	Per ct. 0.98	Per ct. 0.94	Per ct. 0.66	Per ct. 0.28	2.36	73	93	0.78	do.....	2.38	3.48	1.02	6636
6638.....	14	8	Good.....	Per ct. 97.63	Per ct. 0.92	Per ct. 0.93	Per ct. 0.92	Per ct. 0.68	Per ct. 0.24	2.83	71	85	0.83	do.....	2.11	3.28	0.98	6638
6639.....	13	13	Good.....	Per ct. 98.14	Per ct. 1.14	Per ct. 0.91	Per ct. 0.91	Per ct. 0.65	Per ct. 0.26	2.51	71	86	0.82	Trace.....	3.23	3.23	0.95	6639
6640.....	13	13	Burned.....	Per ct. 94.08	Per ct. 3.44	Per ct. 1.16	Per ct. 1.32	Per ct. 1.06	Per ct. 0.26	4.07	123	88	1.39	do.....	3.64	3.87	1.21	6640
6641.....	12	13	Good.....	Per ct. 95.20	Per ct. 2.76	Per ct. 1.13	Per ct. 0.91	Per ct. 0.63	Per ct. 0.28	2.25	71	92	0.77	Trace.....	2.60	3.48	1.00	6641
6643.....	13	11	Fair.....	Per ct. 96.85	Per ct. 1.81	Per ct. 0.92	Per ct. 0.92	Per ct. 0.63	Per ct. 0.29	2.20	70	92	0.76	None.....	2.44	3.26	0.98	6643
6664.....	12	11	Good.....	Per ct. 94.00	Per ct. 4.79	Per ct. 0.81	Per ct. 0.80	Per ct. 0.51	Per ct. 0.29	1.76	58	68	0.85	do.....	1.89	2.67	0.71	6664
7583.....	13	10	Good.....	Per ct. 98.22	Per ct. 0.97	Per ct. 0.86	Per ct. 0.86	Per ct. 0.49	Per ct. 0.37	1.32	66	85	0.77	None.....	2.23	2.74	0.88	7583
7584.....	14	10	Good.....	Per ct. 98.16	Per ct. 1.05	Per ct. 0.93	Per ct. 0.93	Per ct. 0.51	Per ct. 0.42	1.21	66	104	0.63	do.....	2.25	3.55	0.97	7584
7585.....	14	8	Good.....	Per ct. 98.05	Per ct. 0.48	Per ct. 0.95	Per ct. 0.95	Per ct. 0.56	Per ct. 0.39	1.44	66	88	0.75	do.....	2.28	2.97	0.89	7585
Lewis □:																		
6603.....	12	16	Fair.....	Per ct. 94.56	Per ct. 3.84	Per ct. 1.00	Per ct. 1.00	Per ct. 0.58	Per ct. 0.42	1.38	56	106	0.52	Good.....	(1)	2.80	(1)	6603
6604.....	16	10	Good.....	Per ct. 98.09	Per ct. 0.55	Per ct. 0.88	Per ct. 0.88	Per ct. 0.55	Per ct. 0.33	1.67	61	80	0.71	Slight.....	2.35	2.80	0.91	6604
6607.....	13	12	Good.....	Per ct. 98.52	Per ct. 0.60	Per ct. 0.88	Per ct. 0.88	Per ct. 0.49	Per ct. 0.39	1.26	62	80	0.77	do.....	2.07	2.47	0.80	6607
6608.....	16	11	Good.....	Per ct. 98.07	Per ct. 0.50	Per ct. 0.87	Per ct. 0.87	Per ct. 0.49	Per ct. 0.48	1.29	58	93	0.62	do.....	2.10	2.50	0.84	6608
7575.....	14	12	Good.....	Per ct. 98.07	Per ct. 0.98	Per ct. 0.92	Per ct. 0.92	Per ct. 0.69	Per ct. 0.23	3.00	72	64	1.13	None.....	2.06	3.23	0.69	7575
7576.....	16	10	Good.....	Per ct. 98.24	Per ct. 0.49	Per ct. 1.01	Per ct. 0.77	Per ct. 0.24	Per ct. 0.21	3.21	80	60	1.54	do.....	2.10	2.89	0.76	7576
7577.....	15	8	Good.....	Per ct. 98.28	Per ct. 1.43	Per ct. 1.24	Per ct. 0.64	Per ct. 0.60	Per ct. 0.15	do.....	69	60	1.15	do.....	2.15	2.88	0.74	7577
7578.....	16	8	Good.....	Per ct. 96.87	Per ct. 1.89	Per ct. 0.95	Per ct. 0.95	Per ct. 0.67	Per ct. 0.28	2.39	74	71	1.04	do.....	3.01	3.04	0.91	7578
7579.....	13	9	Good.....	Per ct. 96.57	Per ct. 2.26	Per ct. 1.08	Per ct. 0.78	Per ct. 0.30	Per ct. 0.20	2.60	82	76	1.08	do.....	2.61	3.43	0.99	7579
7580.....	14	10	Good.....	Per ct. 96.87	Per ct. 0.34	Per ct. 1.00	Per ct. 1.00	Per ct. 0.70	Per ct. 0.30	2.34	85	85	1.00	do.....	2.59	3.96	0.91	7580
Average (56):																		
Maximum.....	18	16	Maximum.....	96.04	2.33	0.92	0.62	0.30	2.07	0.72	73	106	0.99	2.42	3.05	0.87	.....	.....
Minimum.....	8	7	Minimum.....	84.46	13.20	1.32	1.06	0.60	4.07	1.23	1.63	50	0.52	3.64	3.96	1.21	.....	.....
						0.78	0.48	0.23	1.04	0.49				1.86	2.31	0.60	.....	.....

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Allen D: 7572	12	9	Good....	96.20	1.84	1.04	0.92	0.69	0.23	3.00	78	61	1.28	None....	2.41	3.00	0.78	7572
Champaign D: 6313	14	9	Fair....	85.51	10.51	3.01	.97	.65	.32	2.03	86	92	.93	do....	3.53	3.62	1.14	6313
6321	12	8	do....	98.38	.68	.05	.99	.72	.27	2.66	62	56	1.11	do....	2.17	2.54	.74	6321
Cuyahoga D: 6966	14	8	Good....	87.95	9.07	1.99	.99	.68	.31	2.19	72	79	.91	do....	2.77	3.74	1.07	6966
6967	12	9	do....	84.84	13.10	1.19	.87	.64	.23	.78	71	81	.87	do....	2.50	3.48	.88	6967
Geauga D: 6370	14	12	Fair....	91.49	5.60	1.93	.98	.67	.31	2.16	73	78	.93	do....	3.10	3.73	1.03	6370
6373	16	8	do....	83.34	14.08	1.80	.78	.42	.36	1.17	50	76	.66	do....	2.16	2.22	.74	6373
6374	13	7	do....	83.31	10.93	2.43	.82	.43	.39	1.10	49	86	.57	do....	2.23	2.25	.83	6374
6378	11	10	do....	84.85	11.90	4.93	.92	.47	.45	1.03	63	96	.65	do....	2.60	2.72	.92	6378
6968	14	13	Poor....	80.46	17.33	1.22	.99	.61	.38	1.61	58	104	.56	do....	2.94	3.95	1.08	6968
6969	13	12	Fair....	78.94	18.09	2.09	.84	.61	.38	2.73	58	67	.86	do....	2.66	3.63	.86	6969
8347	16	9	Fair....	95.88	1.42	1.87	.83	.60	.23	2.33	70	71	1.15	do....	2.06	2.85	.71	8347
8348	13	9	Good....	94.13	2.11	2.96	.80	.56	.24	2.33	65	71	1.70	do....	2.13	2.96	.67	8348
8349	18	7+	do....	96.00	.68	2.55	.77	.55	.22	2.30	73	43	1.70	do....	1.86	2.58	.92	8349
8351	16	7	do....	96.53	.33	2.38	.76	.53	.23	2.30	76	55	1.38	do....	1.85	2.45	.78	8351
8447	17	6	Fair....	95.62	.21	3.28	.89	.56	.33	1.70	69	90	.89	do....	2.61	3.31	1.01	8447
8448	14	8	do....	94.64	.98	3.43	.95	.62	.33	1.88	77	86	.77	do....	2.93	3.86	1.07	8448
8449	14	11	do....	93.61	1.56	3.78	1.05	.62	.43	1.44	79	102	.89	do....	2.61	3.86	1.07	8449
8450	7	7	Good....	95.04	.26	3.80	.90	.58	.32	1.81	67	83	.80	do....	2.28	2.95	.61	8450
Logan D: 6314	14	8	Fair....	95.06	2.64	1.37	.93	.64	.29	2.21	79	82	.96	do....	3.10	3.35	1.01	6314
6315	12	12	do....	93.50	2.74	2.59	1.17	.82	.35	2.34	98	105	.93	Trace	3.61	3.57	1.14	6315
6316	18	16	do....	94.45	1.77	2.66	1.12	.78	.34	2.29	91	109	.83	do....	3.45	3.56	1.11	6316
6317	11	12	do....	95.25	1.94	1.89	1.02	.58	.34	1.71	75	92	.81	do....	3.07	3.36	1.02	6317
6318	13	10	Poor....	93.25	3.04	2.64	1.07	.68	.39	1.74	82	107	.70	None	3.47	3.32	.88	6318
6319	16	12	Fair....	93.26	1.90	2.73	1.11	.80	.31	2.58	97	191	1.06	do....	3.62	3.95	1.16	6319
6320	14	12	do....	88.22	8.78	1.77	1.23	.86	.37	2.32	93	101	.92	Trace	4.24	4.67	1.31	6320
Medina D: 7570	13	11	Good....	96.00	1.74	1.33	.93	.59	.34	1.73	70	71	.98	None	2.37	3.21	.83	7570
7571	14	10	do....	95.54	2.76	.87	.83	.56	.27	2.07	69	59	1.17	do....	2.24	3.10	.77	7571
Morrow D: 7573	12	11	Fair....	95.88	1.90	1.33	.89	.64	.25	2.56	78	65	1.20	do....	2.04	2.75	.76	7573
7574	9	20	do....	57.04	30.02	5.72	1.42	1.04	.38	2.74	97	80	1.21	Trace	3.98	4.27	.74	7574
Trumbull D: 6718	14	8	Poor....	75.12	22.16	1.82	.90	.67	.23	2.91	75	70	1.07	None	2.67	3.88	.93	6718
Average (31)	13	10	do....	89.98	6.52	2.55	.95	.64	.31	2.06	74	81	.91	do....	2.74	3.29	.92	.....
Maximum	18	20	do....	98.38	30.02	5.72	1.23	1.04	.45	3.00	98	109	1.70	do....	4.24	4.67	1.16	.....
Minimum	8	7	do....	57.04	.21	.05	.76	.42	.22	1.03	49	43	.56	do....	1.85	2.22	.61	.....

<sup>3</sup> Average of 29 determinations.

<sup>2</sup> Average of 55 determinations.

<sup>1</sup> Undetermined.

TABLE X.—*Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples—Continued.*  
PENNSYLVANIA.

Serial number and county or district.	Physical properties.			Chemical analysis.											Lead number.		Malic acid value.	Serial number.
	Color.		Taste.	Sucrose (Clerget).	Invert sugar.	Undetermined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.		Tannin reaction.	Win-ton.	Ross.			
	Sugar.	Sirup.									Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.						
																Soluble ash.		
Bradford D:	14	16	Good.....	Per ct. 93.60	Per ct. 4.16	Per ct. 1.01	Per ct. 1.23	Per ct. 0.69	Per ct. 0.54	1.28	Cc. 68	Cc. 135	0.50	Trace.....	3.90	4.23	1.23	6873
6874.....	15	9	Fair.....	91.96	5.89	1.01	1.14	.75	.39	1.92	92	89	103	None.....	2.16	4.53	1.24	6874
6875.....	13	9	Good.....	97.97	.82	.28	.93	.66	.27	2.45	73	115	63	do.....	2.75	2.90	.82	6875
6876.....	13	10	do.....	89.08	10.30	.16	.78	.52	.26	2.00	52	55	94	do.....	1.91	2.66	.69	6876
6877.....	12	12	do.....	87.92	7.50	3.60	.98	.72	.26	2.77	69	90	77	do.....	3.04	3.56	.90	6877
6884.....	16	8	do.....	96.89	.78	1.30	1.03	.71	.32	2.22	68	98	69	do.....	2.77	2.86	.86	6884
Lancaster D:																		
6864.....	16	16	Fair.....	93.40	5.16	.19	1.25	1.00	.25	4.00	140	75	186	None.....	3.68	3.71	1.14	6864
Lebanon D:																		
8343.....	(1)	9	Smoky.....	95.23	.71	3.19	.87	.60	.27	2.23	75	74	101	do.....	2.28	2.75	.87	8343
8344.....	15	10	Fair.....	95.00	.98	2.24	.78	.52	.21	2.47	57	54	105	do.....	1.85	2.20	.59	8344
Somerset D:																		
6865.....	12	13	do.....	95.71	1.54	1.72	1.03	.71	.32	2.22	89	82	108	Slight.....	3.74	4.48	1.06	6865
6866.....	15	13	do.....	95.67	2.18	1.20	.95	.67	.28	2.39	74	77	96	do.....	3.00	3.68	.95	6866
6867.....	20	11	Good.....	97.04	1.45	.41	1.10	.74	.36	2.06	62	127	49	None.....	3.45	3.64	1.16	6867
6868.....	19	13	do.....	94.20	4.38	.37	1.05	.66	.39	2.69	80	145	35	Trace.....	3.05	3.89	.97	6868
6869.....	11	16	Fair.....	94.68	4.40	.20	1.12	.66	.36	2.11	81	89	91	do.....	3.36	4.35	1.09	6869
6870.....	13	16	do.....	94.84	3.75	.17	1.23	.87	.36	2.41	106	84	114	do.....	3.69	4.92	1.23	6870
6872.....	13	20+	Poor.....	91.09	6.76	.89	1.26	.65	.60	1.10	60	138	43	do.....	3.69	3.74	1.07	6872
6878.....	8	17	do.....	91.21	7.09	.39	1.11	.65	.46	1.41	77	96	80	do.....	3.88	4.39	1.14	6878
6879.....	17	17	do.....	93.12	5.70	.04	1.14	.72	.42	1.71	74	117	63	do.....	3.70	3.87	1.01	6879
6880.....	13	13+	Fair.....	93.07	4.91	.82	1.20	.68	.52	1.30	78	113	69	do.....	4.21	4.76	1.31	6880
6881.....	10	16	Burned.....	87.10	10.70	1.06	1.14	.67	.47	1.42	70	95	74	do.....	3.82	4.55	1.15	6881
6882.....	20	15	Fair.....	95.24	2.49	1.18	1.09	.73	.36	2.03	72	129	56	do.....	3.22	3.30	.90	6882
7515.....	17	12	do.....	96.80	1.35	.88	.97	.68	.29	2.34	73	64	114	None.....	2.38	2.73	.73	7515
7517.....	15	15	Good.....	97.10	.54	1.25	1.11	.68	.43	1.58	83	88	94	do.....	2.85	2.98	1.00	7517
Warren D:																		
6430.....	14	8	Fair.....	96.81	1.77	.59	.83	.64	.29	2.20	64	75	85	do.....	2.16	2.45	.81	6430
6431.....	13	8	do.....	92.90	6.32	.07	.85	.53	.32	1.66	70	79	88	do.....	2.44	2.79	.88	6431
6432.....	11	9	Poor.....	97.37	37.30	4.15	1.18	.83	.35	2.37	99	89	111	do.....	3.75	4.29	1.15	6432
6433.....	13	9	Fair.....	87.90	10.50	.81	.79	.47	.32	1.47	58	73	80	do.....	2.16	2.75	.85	6433
6434.....	12	9	do.....	85.03	13.84	.34	.79	.44	.35	1.26	45	81	56	do.....	2.10	2.73	.77	6434
6435.....	13	11	do.....	84.71	14.50	.02	.81	.51	.30	1.70	66	75	88	do.....	2.24	2.52	.78	6435

6436	12	11	12	10.38	.82	.96	.70	.26	2.69	72	79	.91	do.	2.65	3.25	.92	6436
6437	11	12	11	96.79	.28	.81	.56	.25	2.24	59	63	.90	Slight	2.19	2.69	.74	6437
6438	14	10	14	95.49	.66	.94	.50	.24	2.91	70	71	.98	None	2.22	3.64	.81	6438
Wayne:																	
8329	(1)	10	10	93.83	1.71	.78	.50	.28	1.78	68	69	.98	do.	2.19	2.83	.75	8329
8330	(1)	9	9	95.70	.81	.81	.59	.22	2.68	83	83	1.75	do.	2.01	2.49	.77	8330
8331	(1)	7	7	96.80	1.46	.81	.57	.24	2.33	77	63	1.22	do.	2.26	2.71	.84	8331
8332	(1)	7	7	96.66	.88	.84	.61	.23	2.65	84	63	1.33	do.	2.36	2.78	.82	8332
8333	19	7	7	96.64	2.01	.90	.67	.23	2.91	73	49	1.48	do.	2.00	2.41	.77	8333
8334	(1)	7	7	96.64	.45	.90	.64	.23	2.91	73	49	1.48	do.	2.00	2.41	.77	8334
8335	(1)	9	9	95.10	2.12	.94	.54	.40	1.35	71	87	.82	do.	2.84	3.26	1.05	8335
8336	(1)	7	7	95.43	2.30	1.07	.61	.46	1.32	80	108	1.74	do.	3.13	4.07	1.16	8336
8337	(1)	8	8	97.30	2.16	.80	.57	.23	2.48	72	50	1.44	do.	1.87	2.40	.62	8337
8338	(1)	9	9	93.98	3.08	.78	.47	.31	1.51	62	77	.80	do.	2.50	3.02	.89	8338
8339	(1)	10	10	94.70	2.70	.79	.56	.23	2.43	76	51	1.49	do.	1.86	2.50	.63	8339
8342	(1)	10	10	93.92	2.27	.82	.58	.24	2.41	71	63	1.12	do.	2.40	2.95	.83	8342
8339	(1)	10	10	93.92	2.27	.82	.58	.24	2.41	71	63	1.12	do.	2.40	2.95	.83	8339
Average (43)	214	11	11	92.92	1.19	.97	.64	.33	1.94	74	85	.87	do.	2.84	3.34	.93	
Maximum	20	20	20	97.30	4.15	1.26	1.00	.60	4.00	140	145	1.86	do.	4.49	4.92	1.31	
Minimum	8	7	7	87.37	.02	.78	.44	.21	1.10	45	48	.43	do.	1.85	2.20	.59	

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Addison:	12	8+	76.78	19.61	2.79	0.82	0.53	0.29	1.83	68	65	1.05	None	1.93	3.22	0.85	6703
6703	11	10+	82.19	13.35	3.57	.89	.50	.39	1.83	65	90	.72	do.	2.55	3.83	1.01	6704
Bennington:	9	13	94.54	4.03	.65	.78	.44	.34	1.29	60	38	1.59	Trace	1.88	2.35	.62	6617
6617																	
Chittenden:	12	10+	89.95	6.13	3.08	.84	.60	.24	2.50	73	59	1.23	do.	2.04	3.20	.78	6710
6710	8	20	89.35	5.32	3.91	1.22	.67	.55	1.22	59	113	.52	Strong	2.92	3.72	.94	6711
6711	10	12	81.60	14.06	3.56	.78	.49	.29	1.69	93	93	1.00	Slight	2.27	3.17	.87	6712
6712																	
Franklin:	12	13	89.67	8.10	1.41	.82	.58	.24	2.42	64	66	.97	Trace	2.28	3.13	.75	6743
6743	11	15	92.52	4.39	2.21	.88	.54	.34	1.58	65	93	.70	do.	3.05	3.27	.87	6744
6744	15	8	86.79	10.34	2.04	.83	.53	.30	1.77	67	81	.82	None	2.46	3.74	.99	6745
6745	12	11	85.00	11.23	2.93	.84	.58	.26	2.23	71	72	.98	Slight	2.62	3.09	.83	6746
6746	12	11	90.70	5.18	3.18	.94	.63	.31	2.03	77	80	.96	do.	2.30	3.05	.89	6747
6747																	
Lamoille:	10	13	90.88	6.15	2.10	.87	.45	.42	1.07	69	97	.71	do.	2.54	3.28	.92	6748
6748	11	11	92.69	4.90	1.63	.78	.38	.40	.95	61	86	.71	None	2.14	2.94	.83	6749
6749	13	10	90.52	7.08	1.56	.84	.55	.29	1.90	70	79	.89	do.	2.45	3.41	.88	6750
6750	12	10	67.52	6.29	1.53	.78	.47	.31	1.52	61	76	.80	do.	2.05	2.97	.78	6752
6752	12	12	89.18	7.67	2.14	1.01	.47	.54	.87	65	125	.52	do.	3.37	4.16	1.22	6753
6753	14	10	85.54	11.35	2.19	.92	.40	.52	.77	58	113	.51	do.	3.06	3.78	1.07	6754
6754	13	10	91.38	6.18	2.61	.83	.51	.32	1.59	68	80	.85	do.	2.51	3.37	.88	6756
6756	13	10	95.38	2.71	1.13	.78	.51	.27	1.89	70	70	1.04	do.	2.03	2.79	.76	6757
6757	12	9	91.36	5.49	2.32	.83	.51	.32	1.59	71	77	.92	do.	2.38	3.24	.88	6758
6758	12	10	75.39	18.53	5.12	.96	.58	.38	1.52	80	83	.96	do.	3.49	3.84	1.01	6760

<sup>2</sup> Average of 34 determinations.

<sup>1</sup> Undetermined.

TABLE X.—Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples—Continued.

VERMONT—Continued.

Serial number and county or district.	Physical properties.			Chemical analysis.										Lead number.		Malic acid value.	Serial number.
	Color.		Taste.	Sucrose (Clerget).	Invert sugar.	Undeter- mined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.		Tannin reaction.	Win- ton.	Ross.		
	Sugar.	Sirup.									Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.					
Lamoille—Continued.	11	11	Fair	Per ct. 88.06	Per ct. 9.33	Per ct. 1.83	Per ct. 0.78	Per ct. 0.47	Per ct. 0.31	1.52	58	78	Slight.....	2.63	3.11	0.81	6761
	10	16	Poor	88.84	9.46	1.80	84	47	37	1.27	55	93	do.....	2.38	3.82	0.90	6762
	13	10	Fair	87.67	9.57	1.88	98	64	34	1.88	77	84	do.....	3.40	3.80	1.00	6763
	14	8	do	96.50	7.15	5.51	84	52	32	1.62	67	76	None.....	2.87	3.34	0.87	6764
	16	10	do	97.71	7.06	83	80	37	43	1.86	37	90	do.....	2.21	2.39	0.78	6765
	12	10	do	90.62	7.67	73	98	64	34	1.88	78	87	do.....	2.45	3.90	1.02	6767
	15	8	Good	96.02	1.77	1.39	82	58	29	2.42	62	59	do.....	2.20	2.67	0.55	7013
	14	11	do	90.65	5.42	3.06	87	58	29	2.00	71	65	do.....	2.20	2.79	0.74	7614
	13	11	do	96.48	1.99	0.60	93	69	24	2.88	80	59	do.....	2.01	2.58	0.67	7615
Orange □:																	
	(1)	14	Fair	94.28	79	4.03	90	43	47	0.91	59	112	Slight.....	1.90	2.51	0.73	8462
	(1)	11	Poor	92.60	2.76	3.61	1.03	39	64	0.61	62	144	None.....	3.13	3.83	1.21	8465
Orleans □:																	
	11	11	Fair	83.14	13.72	2.19	95	65	30	2.17	79	79	do.....	3.34	3.91	0.95	6783
	13	10+	do	83.36	13.54	2.10	1.00	44	56	0.78	46	123	Slight.....	2.90	3.78	1.05	6784
	10	12	do	75.97	19.01	3.79	1.23	56	67	0.83	71	106	do.....	3.82	4.60	1.30	6785
	12	16	Strong	89.15	8.02	1.60	1.23	64	59	1.08	78	124	do.....	3.78	4.53	1.17	6786
	11	9	Fair	73.58	22.62	2.84	96	56	40	1.40	68	97	do.....	3.22	4.07	1.09	6787
	11	13	Burned	85.26	11.02	2.62	1.10	49	61	0.80	58	132	do.....	3.58	3.58	1.18	6788
	15	11	Fair	83.05	12.71	3.18	1.06	43	43	0.68	56	131	do.....	3.38	4.10	1.17	6789
	11	9	do	71.85	23.22	4.05	88	53	35	1.51	65	83	None.....	2.85	3.71	0.94	6791
	10	11	do	70.40	25.00	3.64	96	53	43	1.23	62	112	Slight.....	2.85	3.71	0.94	6792
	12	11	Fair	85.56	11.07	2.35	1.02	52	50	1.04	62	119	do.....	3.60	4.38	1.21	6793
	12	11	do	81.38	13.80	3.80	1.02	45	57	0.78	48	121	do.....	3.21	3.88	1.19	6794
	9	20+	Poor	85.60	11.28	3.71	1.41	60	81	0.81	74	66	do.....	3.60	4.16	1.25	6797
	9	19	do	83.62	12.35	2.83	1.20	56	64	0.88	64	109	Strong.....	3.67	4.03	1.03	6798
	11	14	Fair	83.56	12.88	2.50	1.06	55	51	1.08	65	105	Slight.....	3.67	4.03	1.03	6799
	11	20	Burned	74.53	23.85	5.00	1.12	64	48	1.34	81	110	do.....	4.06	4.63	1.20	6800
	13	10	Good	97.49	1.07	0.53	91	61	30	2.03	83	65	do.....	3.59	4.10	1.10	7612
Rutland □:																	
	14	8	Fair	95.22	3.48	0.50	80	54	26	2.07	62	89	do.....	2.25	3.20	0.91	6644
	13	12	Good	96.63	1.29	1.08	1.00	68	32	2.12	77	79	do.....	2.16	2.93	0.85	6646



TABLE X.—Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples—Continued.

QUEBEC, CANADA

Serial number and county or district.	Physical properties.		Chemical analysis.										Tannin reaction.	Lead number.		Malic acid value.	Serial number.	
	Color.		Taste.	Sucrose (Clerget).	Invert sugar.	Undetermined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.							
	Sugar.	Sirup.									Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.		Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.			
Shefford, Brome, and Stanstead:	8	20+	Strong.	Per ct. 74.11	Per ct. 18.20	Per ct. 6.47	Per ct. 1.22	Per ct. 0.60	Per ct. 0.62	0.96	Cc. 50	Cc. 90	0.55	None....	4.13	4.51	1.35	6716
	10	20+	do.	91.22	4.15	3.29	1.34	.69	.65	1.06	54	118	.46	Good....	3.69	4.37	1.22	6717
	13	13+	Poor.	90.38	6.95	1.83	.84	.60	.24	2.50	75	53	1.41	Slight..	2.36	3.08	.78	6938
	11	14	do.	67.57	27.31	4.24	.88	.49	.39	1.26	65	93	.70	do.	2.71	3.64	.96	6939
	13	10	Good.	92.74	4.61	1.83	.82	.46	.36	1.28	65	82	.80	None....	2.43	3.33	.87	6940
	11	18	Fair.	83.38	11.71	3.88	1.09	.48	.61	.78	66	130	.51	Slight..	3.13	3.94	1.10	6941
	12	13	Good.	93.87	3.99	1.10	1.04	.60	.44	1.36	68	103	.66	None....	3.22	3.96	1.01	6942
	11	18	Fair.	93.31	4.50	1.18	1.01	.45	.56	.90	50	124	.40	Slight..	3.69	3.77	1.02	6943
	12	17	do.	90.87	6.86	1.30	.97	.51	.46	1.11	66	99	.67	do.	2.42	3.99	1.00	6944
	11	12+	do.	91.56	5.86	1.75	.83	.49	.34	1.44	61	78	.81	do.	2.35	3.42	.77	6945
	8	20	Strong.	88.31	9.03	1.62	1.04	.48	.56	.86	67	119	.56	do.	3.32	4.45	1.04	6946
	15	8	Good.	89.22	8.91	1.63	.84	.46	.35	1.31	57	79	.72	None....	2.48	3.56	.88	6947
	13	12	do.	91.92	5.61	1.04	.84	.50	.34	1.47	67	76	.89	Slight..	3.52	3.31	.80	6948
	12	13	Poor.	94.27	2.77	2.12	.84	.44	.40	1.10	63	88	.71	do.	2.43	3.38	.92	6949
	13	9	Good.	90.04	9.09	0.2	.85	.47	.38	2.00	62	86	.72	None....	2.46	3.60	.94	6950
	12	15	Fair.	89.04	6.61	3.39	.96	.64	.32	2.00	77	78	.98	Slight..	2.68	3.56	.91	6951
	8	20+	Strong.	88.80	8.83	3.44	.93	.39	.54	.72	52	117	.44	do.	2.46	3.83	.98	6952
10	20+	do.	88.17	6.28	4.39	1.16	.61	.55	2.14	69	128	.61	do.	2.87	4.24	1.15	6953	
(1)	20+	Fair.	90.05	4.78	4.26	.91	.62	.29	2.14	69	83	.83	Strong..	2.48	3.01	.81	6954	
(1)	13	Good.	96.59	.88	1.67	.86	.51	.35	1.46	88	65	1.36	None....	2.03	2.74	.77	6955	
(1)	13	Fair.	93.51	2.15	3.37	.97	.71	.26	2.73	80	81	.98	do.	2.90	3.39	1.03	6956	
(1)	13	do.	74.66	19.13	5.28	.93	.64	.29	2.21	71	82	.86	Slight..	2.99	4.01	1.04	6957	
17	7	Good.	92.97	5.42	3.78	.78	.57	.27	1.89	64	73	.87	None....	2.16	2.82	.79	7596	
8-	20+	Strong.	81.26	13.98	3.35	1.41	.68	.73	.93	.93	84	144	.58	Strong..	3.12	3.63	.96	7599
Average (24).....	11+	15		88.16	8.23	2.64	.97	.54	.43	1.25	66	94	.70		2.83	3.66	.96	
	17	20+		96.59	27.31	6.47	1.41	.71	.73	2.73	88	144	1.41		4.13	4.51	1.35	
	8	7		67.57	.88	.02	.78	.39	.24	.72	50	53	.40		2.03	2.74	.77	

Joliette:		9	12	Good	37.73	8.51	2.83	.93	.03	.30	2.10	76	85	.89	Trace...	2.86	(1)	.90	7710
		10	14	do.	94.38	4.72	.03	.87	.63	.24	2.62	70	58	1.21	do.	2.11	(1)	.62	7715
		9	13	do.	93.95	2.36	2.36	.96	.64	.32	2.00	83	86	.96	None	2.72	(1)	.90	7717
		13	10	do.	90.90	5.38	2.94	.78	.53	.25	2.12	88	66	1.18	do.	2.34	(1)	.77	7718
		10	10+	do.	88.36	7.64	3.14	.85	.59	.26	2.27	80	72	1.11	do.	2.57	(1)	.86	7719
		11	14+	do.	92.71	4.02	2.22	1.05	.80	.25	2.20	116	75	1.54	do.	3.10	(1)	.98	7720
		9	18	Fair	83.43	12.00	3.42	1.15	.80	.35	2.28	115	101	1.14	Trace	3.69	(1)	1.21	7721
		8	20+	Bad	83.25	10.76	4.89	1.10	.70	.40	1.75	87	113	.77	do.	3.56	(1)	1.23	7722
		8	10	Good	81.65	4.61	2.96	.78	.54	.24	2.05	71	68	1.04	None	2.37	(1)	.79	7730
		7738	do.	do.	84.67	8.90	5.20	1.23	.83	.40	2.07	120	100	Trace	Trace	3.70	(1)	1.34	7738
		7739	do.	do.	80.99	11.70	5.97	1.34	.72	.62	1.93	83	141	.66	do.	3.49	(1)	1.34	7739
		7742	do.	do.	70.35	21.70	6.54	1.41	.68	.73	.93	86	152	.57	do.	3.32	(1)	1.30	7742
Average (12)		9+	15	do.	86.79	8.55	3.62	1.04	.67	.37	1.81	90	95	.95	do.	2.90		1.02	.....
Maximum		13	20+	do.	94.38	21.70	6.54	1.41	.83	.73	3.20	120	152	1.54	do.	3.70		1.34	.....
Minimum		8-	10	do.	70.35	2.73	.03	.78	.53	.24	.93	70	58	.57	do.	2.11		.62	.....
Arthabaska, Megan-																			
tie, Beauce:																			
		9	12+	Good	94.11	2.27	2.62	1.00	.61	.39	1.57	76	95	.80	None	2.50	(1)	.88	7708
		7708	do.	do.	90.85	5.24	2.05	.96	.50	.46	1.09	62	89	.70	do.	2.61	(1)	.90	7709
		8	13	Fair	91.80	3.91	1.05	1.04	.43	.61	1.70	65	92	1.05	do.	2.55	(1)	.65	7711
		7711	do.	do.	83.27	3.04	2.72	.97	.67	.30	2.23	85	79	1.08	do.	2.96	(1)	.97	7712
		13	11+	do.	89.67	5.46	3.74	1.13	.63	.27	2.33	81	112	.72	Trace	3.30	(1)	1.13	7713
		10	15	do.	93.51	3.45	2.14	.90	.63	.49	2.23	74	79	.93	do.	2.47	(1)	.78	7714
		7716	do.	do.	92.22	3.95	2.85	1.08	.59	.49	1.21	83	103	.80	do.	3.24	(1)	1.10	7716
		7722	do.	Fair	79.88	14.05	4.91	1.16	.55	.61	1.90	97	138	.84	Trace	3.48	(1)	1.20	7722
		7723	do.	do.	81.83	12.83	4.03	1.31	.72	.59	2.22	116	138	.84	do.	3.59	(1)	1.26	7723
		7724	do.	Good	89.59	4.91	4.32	1.18	.79	.39	2.02	117	110	1.06	do.	3.77	(1)	1.25	7725
		7725	do.	Fair	88.64	6.40	3.87	1.09	.68	.41	1.65	84	111	.93	do.	3.79	(1)	1.25	7726
		8	20	do.	87.32	6.55	5.08	1.05	.66	.37	1.84	108	91	.85	do.	3.22	(1)	1.11	7727
		7727	do.	Good	90.57	4.86	4.07	1.11	.71	.40	1.78	80	106	.85	do.	3.10	(1)	1.06	7728
		7731	do.	do.	91.99	5.06	3.47	.95	.69	.26	2.65	87	102	.79	do.	3.02	(1)	1.08	7731
		7732	do.	do.	91.14	5.50	2.07	.89	.65	.24	2.70	82	71	1.20	None	2.41	(1)	.77	7732
		7733	do.	do.	84.44	10.50	3.86	1.20	.76	.44	1.82	93	115	1.15	Trace	2.64	(1)	.82	7733
		7734	do.	Fair	89.46	4.03	4.78	1.13	.73	.40	1.82	90	113	.80	do.	3.24	(1)	1.06	7734
		7735	do.	do.	88.29	6.64	4.10	.97	.49	.48	1.02	69	106	.80	do.	3.19	(1)	1.05	7735
		7736	do.	do.	83.67	9.40	5.37	1.56	.78	.78	1.00	102	158	.65	do.	3.40	(1)	1.12	7736
		7737	do.	do.	89.10	5.29	4.47	1.17	.73	.44	1.66	88	113	.78	do.	3.20	(1)	1.29	7737
		7740	do.	Good	90.09	5.27	3.80	.84	.55	.29	1.90	72	82	.82	do.	2.80	(1)	1.00	7737
		7741	do.	do.	88.26	7.10	3.73	.91	.58	.33	1.76	78	88	.88	None	2.49	(1)	.87	7740
		7743	do.	Burned	58.92	35.26	5.06	.76	.31	.45	.69	42	103	.80	do.	2.72	(1)	.92	7741
		7744	do.	Good	85.23	8.52	5.00	1.25	.77	.48	1.03	93	126	.73	Trace	1.86	(1)	.75	7743
		7745	do.	do.	6.28	1.70	70	.70	.70	.48	1.60	93	190	.73	do.	3.47	(1)	1.12	7744
		7746	do.	Burned	81.20	10.82	6.28	1.21	.77	.44	1.75	89	125	.71	do.	2.98	(1)	1.40	7745
		7747	do.	do.	83.54	11.02	4.23	1.21	.77	.44	1.75	89	149	.63	do.	3.00	(1)	1.06	7746
		7748	do.	do.	69.13	23.46	6.20	1.21	.44	.77	.57	94	149	.54	do.	3.14	(1)	1.27	7747
		7748	do.	do.	66.45	26.04	6.34	1.17	.35	.82	.43	80	146	.75	do.	3.49	(1)	1.39	7748
		7749	do.	do.	85.22	8.21	5.38	1.19	.60	.59	1.01	107	141	.75	do.	3.34	(1)	1.25	7749
		7750	do.	do.	77.16	13.42	8.18	1.24	.56	.68	.82	99	146	.68	do.	3.84	(1)	1.47	7750

<sup>2</sup> Average of 26 determinations.

<sup>2</sup> Average of 20 determinations.

<sup>1</sup> Undetermined.

TABLE X.—*Results of physical and chemical examination of maple-sugar samples—Continued.*

QUEBEC, CANADA—Continued.

Serial number and county or district.	Physical properties.			Chemical analysis.										Lead number.		Malic acid value.	Serial number.
	Color.		Taste.	Sucrose (Clerget).	Invert sugar.	Undetermined.	Total ash.	Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.	Soluble ash.	Alkalinity.		Tannin reaction.	Win-ton.	Ross.		
	Sugar.	Sirup.									Soluble ash.	Insoluble ash.					
Athabaska, Megantic, Beauce—Contd.	10	13	Fair.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	2.64	Cc.	Cc.	1.04	None.	4.02	3.53	7500
	13	19	Poor.	80.24	14.43	4.16	1.17	0.66	0.25	1.62	89	66	.89	Trace.	3.46	(1)	7520
	8	20+	do.	86.00	7.26	5.61	1.13	.77	.44	1.36	82	113	.72	Trace.	3.80	(1)	7522
	10	20	do.	91.54	2.06	4.99	1.41	.80	.61	1.31	78	138	.56	Trace.	3.27	(1)	7523
	8	20	do.	83.75	14.04	.97	1.24	.72	.52	1.38	70	117	.60	Slight.	3.31	4.07	7597
	8	20+	do.	82.65	10.46	5.52	1.37	.58	.79	.73	65	148	.44	do.	3.34	(1)	7449
	11	13	do.	88.94	4.75	5.45	.86	.47	.39	1.20	57	96	.59	Trace.	2.30	(1)	7478
	12	18	do.	89.50	5.44	4.09	.97	.55	.42	1.31	69	103	.67	Trace.	2.91	(1)	7479
	10	20+	do.	81.61	12.37	4.79	1.23	.89	.34	2.61	91	92	.98	Slight.	3.47	(1)	7484
	7651	8	do.	76.96	16.20	5.73	1.11	.62	.49	1.27	67	116	.58	do.	3.82	(1)	7651
Canada:	7658	8	do.	86.34	7.13	4.35	1.18	.66	.52	1.26	79	118	.67	do.	3.62	(1)	7658
	7659	20+	do.	75.05	17.29	6.11	1.55	.67	.88	.76	76	169	.45	do.	4.14	(1)	7659
	7814	8	Good.	85.12	9.10	4.83	.95	.54	.41	1.31	85	106	.80	Trace.	3.24	(1)	7814
	Average (44)	9	17+	85.46	9.11	4.31	1.12	.63	.49	1.28	83	112	.74	do.	3.16	(1)	.....
	Maximum.	13	20+	94.11	35.26	8.18	1.20	.89	1.00	2.70	117	190	1.20	do.	4.14	(1)	.....
	Minimum.	8	11	58.92	2.06	1.05	.76	.31	.24	.43	42	62	.40	do.	1.86	(1)	.....
	Average (80)	10	16+	86.48	8.76	3.70	1.06	.61	.45	1.36	79	104	.76	do.	3.04	(1)	.....
	Maximum.	17	20+	96.59	35.26	8.18	1.70	.89	1.00	3.20	120	190	1.54	do.	4.14	(1)	.....
	Minimum.	8	7	58.92	.88	.02	.76	.31	.24	.43	42	58	.40	do.	1.86	(1)	.....
	United States and Canada:	12+	13+	90.69	6.19	2.14	.98	.62	.35	1.69	75	87	.86	do.	2.76	2.50	.93
21		20+	do.	98.62	35.26	8.18	1.70	1.14	1.00	4.07	140	190	2.29	do.	4.95	2.90	1.72
8		7	do.	57.04	.60	.00	.76	.30	.21	.43	42	31	.37	do.	1.85	2.20	.51

1 Undetermined.

2 Average of 398 determinations.

# DISCUSSION OF RESULTS.

## COLOR.

*Sugar.*—The color of a maple sugar, although not necessarily an indication of its quality, is influenced by the crystallization and by the dryness of the sugar. Very dark maple sirup, if free from sediment, when boiled down nearly to dryness and stirred gives a very light-colored sugar. If this sugar is powdered, the color and appearance are similar to those of the ordinary powdered cane sugar, although it possesses a maple flavor. Such sugar can also be produced with greater ease from a light-colored sirup. The color of the sugars varies from 8, the darkest, to 21, the lightest, the average of the individual States showing slight variations from 12 to 15. No comparison has been made between the Canadian and the United States samples.

*Sirup.*—The average color of the United States sugar-sirup samples is 11, which is three points darker than that of the sap sirups. Table XI shows the average color of the sugar sirups as well as that of the sap sirups for the several States.

TABLE XI.—Average color of sugar sirup and sap sirup, by States.

State.	Sugar sirup	Sap sirup. <sup>1</sup>	State.	Sugar sirup.	Sap sirup. <sup>1</sup>
Indiana.....	10+	10+	New York.....	10	7
Maine.....	11	8+	Ohio.....	10	8
Maryland.....	11	( <sup>2</sup> ) 7	Pennsylvania.....	11	8
Massachusetts.....	9	7	Vermont.....	11	9
Michigan.....	11	8+	West Virginia.....	12	9
New Hampshire.....	10	8	United States.....	11	8+

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Dept Agr., Bur. Chem. Bul. 134.

<sup>2</sup> No sample.

In only one State, Indiana, is the color of the sap sirup equal to the sugar sirup, there being in all others a difference of at least two points.

## TASTE.

The flavor of a maple product is an indescribable property. It is usually possible for a person with an acute sense of taste to differentiate between sap sirup and sugar sirup after a very few trials.

## SUCROSE.

The average percentage of sucrose in the sugars when reduced to the dry basis is 91.89, with extremes of 98.62 and 57.04. About 55 of the 283 samples from the United States molded in storage before analysis and in a few cases started to ferment. If the analytical results on these had been excluded, the average percentage of sucrose would be 94.36 instead of 91.89. For sap sirups the average figure for sucrose when calculated to dry basis is 95.18 per cent.

## INVERT SUGAR.

The extreme percentages of invert sugar in the United States are 37.30 and 0.09, with an average percentage of 5.46, which would be 3.09 per cent if the results of the moldy sugar were not included. This increase, about 50 per cent higher than in the case of sap sirups, occurs because of the inversion of sucrose due to the extra concentration and heat when a sap sirup is made into a sugar. About 30 per cent of the samples have less than 1 per cent of invert sugar, whereas 53 per cent of corresponding samples of sap sirup have less than 1 per cent of invert sugar.

Table XII shows that where large quantities of reducing sugars are present in maple sugar the sucrose equivalent of 1 per cent reducing sugar is 0.30, which is very close to that of true invert sugar of equal parts of dextrose and levulose, but where small percentages of reducing sugars are present, there seems to be a large excess of levulose, and in many cases a levorotatory substance other than levulose is indicated. This was also noted with sap sirup.<sup>1</sup>

TABLE XII.—Comparison of sucrose equivalents of 1 per cent of reducing sugar when large and small amounts are present.

Serial No.	Reducing sugar calculated as invert.	Difference in direct polarization and in sucrose by Clerget.	Sucrose equivalent of 1 per cent reducing sugar.
<i>Large amounts of reducing sugar:</i>			
6459.....	9.61	3.46	0.37
6545.....	7.83	3.35	.43
6598.....	9.49	4.52	.47
6624.....	7.70	3.94	.51
6700.....	7.19	3.71	.51
6718.....	14.27	6.16	.43
6876.....	6.92	3.00	.43
6968.....	11.54	5.28	.45
8438.....	7.27	3.02	.41
8446.....	8.25	2.20	.26
<i>Small amounts of reducing sugar:</i>			
7510.....	0.66	2.67	4.04
7518.....	.41	2.57	6.26
7525.....	.58	2.77	4.77
7546.....	.75	2.07	2.76
7548.....	.22	1.84	7.37
8344.....	.65	1.00	1.54
8448.....	.66	2.02	3.06
8472.....	.96	1.70	1.77
8457.....	.78	1.80	2.31
8462.....	.51	1.30	2.55

## ASH.

*Total ash.*—In the United States samples the average ash content is 0.95 per cent, with extremes of 1.66 and 0.76 per cent, while with Canada included the average is 0.98 per cent, with extremes of 1.70 and 0.76. The average for sap sirups for the United States is 1.02 per cent, with extremes of 1.68 and 0.68. Including Canada, the

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. of Chem. Bul. 134, p. 65.

average is 1 per cent, with the same extremes. Grouping the individual determinations for ash by States and by 0.05 and 0.1 per cent differences, the results in Table XIII are obtained.

TABLE XIII.—Total ash content of sugar, by locality.

Ash content.	Number of samples.													Percentage of samples.
	Ind.	Me.	Md.	Mass.	Mich.	N. H.	N. Y.	Ohio.	Pa.	Vt.	W. Va.	Canada.	Total.	
<i>Per cent.</i>														
0.00 to 0.76.....								11				1	2	0.7
.77 to .79.....		1	1		4		7	2	7	8		3	33	9.1
.80 to .84.....	1		3		4	4	5	5	8	19		7	56	15.4
.85 to .89.....	2		1	1	2	2	12	3	2	7		7	39	10.7
.90 to .94.....	3	1	3	4	6	3	11	7	4	7		7	56	15.4
.95 to .99.....	3	2	1		4	2	9	6	4	6		10	51	14.0
1.00 to 1.09.....	3			5	2		10	2	5	9	1	11	48	13.2
1.10 to 1.19.....	3		2		1	1		3	8	2	1	15	36	9.9
1.20 to 1.29.....	2						1	1	5			9	22	6.0
1.30 to 1.39.....							1				1	4	6	1.6
1.40 to 1.49.....	1							1		1	3	3	9	2.5
1.50 to 1.59.....	1											2	3	.8
1.60 to 1.70.....											2	1	2	.7
Total.....	19	4	11	14	23	12	56	31	43	63	7	80	363	100.0

<sup>1</sup> 0.76.

<sup>2</sup> 1.66.

<sup>3</sup> 1.70.

The largest number of samples have a content of ash ranging from 0.80 to 1.10 per cent, and nearly 88 per cent of the samples range from 0.77 to 1.20 per cent. The lowest ash content found in this examination, 0.76 per cent, was obtained in a sample from Ohio and in one from Canada. In some of the experimental work, however, ash contents as low as 0.72 per cent were found. These total ash figures may be considered abnormal, as they were found in sirup the lead number, malic acid value, and insoluble ash content of which were far above the minimum figures.

TABLE XIV.—Comparison of percentage of samples of sap and sugar sirup with varying ash content.

Ash content.	Maple-sap sirup.	Maple-sugar sirup.	Ash content.	Maple-sap sirup.	Maple-sugar sirup.
<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
0.00 to 0.76.....	0.2	0.7	1.10 to 1.19.....	12.3	9.9
.77 to .79.....	3.7	9.1	1.20 to 1.29.....	6.0	6.0
.80 to .84.....	11.2	15.4	1.30 to 1.39.....	3.7	1.6
.85 to .89.....	11.0	10.7	1.40 to 1.49.....	.4	2.5
.90 to .94.....	17.7	15.4	1.50 to 1.59.....	.6	.8
.95 to .99.....	12.4	14.0	1.60 to 1.70.....	1.0	.7
1.00 to 1.09.....	19.8	13.2			

The same percentage (88.4) of samples in both kinds of sirup have ash contents up to 1.20 per cent, although 36 per cent of the sugar samples and 26 per cent of the sap sirups have an ash content between 0.77 and 0.89 per cent. The appearance of the ash was not regular, a few samples being very green, while many were white or light gray. The appearance of the ash depends upon the method of burning.

*Soluble and insoluble ash.*—The insoluble ash in the United States samples shows an average figure of 0.33 per cent, with extremes of 0.81 and 0.21 per cent, but when Canada is included, the average figure is 0.36 per cent, with extremes of 1 and 0.21 per cent. These again are somewhat lower than the figures obtained for sap sirup. One sample from Michigan, one from Ohio, and one from Pennsylvania had only 0.22 per cent of insoluble ash, and another from Pennsylvania had 0.21 per cent. The total ash in each of these instances was not low, but was near the minimum line. The results obtained by grouping the samples by localities and dividing the insoluble ash contents into classes by 0.10 per cent are given in Table XV.

TABLE XV.—*Insoluble ash content of sugar, by locality.*

Insoluble ash content.	Number of samples.													Per-cent-age of samples.
	Ind.	Me.	Md.	Mass.	Mich.	N. H.	N. Y.	Ohio.	Pa.	Vt.	W. Va.	Can-ada.	Total.	
<i>Per cent.</i>														
Below 0.23.....					<sup>1</sup> 1			<sup>1</sup> 1	<sup>2</sup> 2				4	1.4
0.23.....	4	1	1	4	8		7	6	4				35	9.6
.24 to 0.29.....	5	1	5	8	6	6	29	5	14	18		15	112	30.8
.30 to .39.....	4	2	4	2	7	5	15	17	14	24		18	112	30.8
.40 to .49.....	2		1		1	1	4	2	6	7	3	22	49	13.5
.50 to .59.....	3								2	8	2	9	24	6.6
.60 to .69.....							1		1	5	2	8	17	4.7
.70 to .79.....	1											5	6	1.6
.80 to .89.....										<sup>3</sup> 1		2	3	0.8
.90 to .99.....														
1.00 to 1.09.....												<sup>4</sup> 1	1	0.2
Total.....	19	4	11	14	23	12	56	31	43	63	7	80	363	100.0

<sup>1</sup> 0.22.<sup>2</sup> 0.21, 0.22.<sup>3</sup> 0.81.<sup>4</sup> 1.00.

From this it is seen that 72.6 per cent of the samples have an insoluble ash content of less than 0.40 per cent. In Canada 59 per cent of the samples have a higher number than that, while all the West Virginia samples have a higher insoluble ash content than 0.40 per cent. The other States show their largest figures below 0.40 per cent.

*Percentage of soluble ash divided by percentage of insoluble ash.*—The average figure is 1.69; that is, the percentage of insoluble ash is about 55 per cent of the soluble ash. The highest is 4.07 and the lowest, 0.43. Among the sap sirups some 29 samples, or 6 per cent, showed a ratio below 1.0; among the sugar sirups 8 per cent were found with this low ratio. These samples were confined to the State of Vermont and to Canada. From Table XVI, showing the data by groups of 0.01 and 0.25, it is seen that the largest percentage of samples falls between 1.25 and 2.75.

TABLE XVI.—Soluble and insoluble ash content of sugar, by locality.

Soluble ash divided by insoluble ash.	Number of samples.													Per- cent- age of sam- ples.
	Ind.	Me.	Md.	Mass.	Mich.	N. H.	N. Y.	Ohio.	Pa.	Vt.	W. Va.	Can- ada.	Total.	
<i>Per cent.</i>														
0.0 to 0.59.....												<sup>1</sup> 2	2	0.7
.60 to .69.....										2		1	3	.8
.70 to .79.....										4		6	10	2.7
.80 to .89.....										5		3	8	2.2
.90 to .99.....										2		4	6	1.6
1.00 to 1.24.....	3		2			1	3	3	1	7		13	33	9.1
1.25 to 1.49.....	1				1	4	7	1	8	6	5	13	46	12.7
1.50 to 1.74.....	1				3		3	5	6	12		8	38	10.4
1.75 to 1.99.....		1	2		3	1	7	3	2	9	1	8	37	10.2
2.00 to 2.24.....	2	1	3	2	3	2	6	5	9	10	1	10	54	14.8
2.25 to 2.49.....	4	2	3	1	4	1	8	5	10	5		4	47	13.0
2.50 to 2.74.....	3		1	3	4	3	12	7	3			7	43	11.8
2.75 to 2.99.....	4			3	1		5	1	3	1			18	5.0
3.00 to 3.49.....				5	4		3	1				1	14	3.8
3.50 to 3.99.....	1						1		1				3	.8
4.00 to 4.10.....							<sup>2</sup> 1						1	.4
Total.....	19	4	11	14	23	12	56	31	43	63	7	80	363	100.0

<sup>1</sup> 0.43, 0.57.

<sup>2</sup> 4.07.

*Alkalinity of soluble and insoluble ash.*—This determination is expressed in the number of cubic centimeters of tenth-normal acid necessary to neutralize the ash of 100 grams of sirup. For insoluble ash, which is chiefly calcium carbonate, the average figure is 87 cc, the extremes being 190 and 31. Since 1 cc of tenth-normal acid is equal to 0.005 gram of calcium carbonate, the 87 cc are equivalent to 0.435 gram of calcium carbonate. The actual average percentage of insoluble ash is 0.36, which is 0.07 gram lower than that calculated from the alkalinity. The average figure for soluble ash is 75 cc, with extremes of 140 and 42. Considering the soluble ash to be potassium carbonate, the 75 cc would equal 0.518 gram of potassium carbonate. The average percentage of soluble ash is 0.62, which is 0.11 gram higher than that calculated from the alkalinity. This may be accounted for by the presence of alkaline salts other than potash.

#### LEAD NUMBER.

The average lead numbers for the individual States vary to a great extent, as shown in Table XVII:

TABLE XVII.—Average of the Winton and Ross lead numbers, by States.

No.	Locality.	Winton lead number.	Locality.	Ross lead number.
1	West Virginia.....	3.99	West Virginia.....	4.49
2	Indiana.....	3.04	Indiana.....	3.73
3	Canada.....	3.04		( <sup>1</sup> )
4	Pennsylvania.....	2.84	Pennsylvania.....	3.34
5	Ohio.....	2.74	Ohio.....	3.29
6	Vermont.....	2.70	Vermont.....	3.39
7	Massachusetts.....	2.67	Massachusetts.....	3.35
8	Maryland.....	2.61	Maryland.....	2.99
9	Michigan.....	2.52	Michigan.....	3.33
10	New Hampshire.....	2.50	New Hampshire.....	3.50
11	Maine.....	2.43	Maine.....	3.40
12	New York.....	2.42	New York.....	3.05

<sup>1</sup> Canada is not included, as this determination was not made on all the samples.

West Virginia and Indiana stand at the top in each determination, the rest of the localities varying in their places. It is noted that in each case the Ross lead number is higher than the Winton. The average for the Winton number in the United States samples is 2.68, with extremes of 4.95 and 1.85. Including the results from the Canadian samples the average is 2.76, with the same extremes. With the Ross number, the United States average is 3.34, with extremes of 5.90 and 2.20. The increase in lead number by the Ross method averages 0.58.

Grouping the lead number by localities into divisions varying by 0.25 and placing the samples with these figures in such groups, the results in Table XVIII are obtained.

TABLE XVIII.—*Lead number of sugar, by locality.*

Lead number.	Number of samples.													Per- cent- age of sam- ples.
	Ind.	Me.	Md.	Mass.	Mich.	N.H.	N.Y.	Ohio.	Pa.	Vt.	W. Va.	Can- ada.	Total.	
Winton:														
0.00 to 1.84														
1.85 to 1.99					3	2	3	2	4	7		1	22	6.1
2.00 to 2.24	1		3	1	4	1	16	7	9	11		3	56	15.5
2.25 to 2.49	1	2	3	5	6	5	16	3	6	12		15	74	20.5
2.50 to 2.74	4	1	1	2	3	1	14	6	2	5		10	49	13.6
2.75 to 2.99	5		1	3	3	2	4	3	4	6		7	38	10.5
3.00 to 3.24	3		3	2	2		1	3	6	5	1	15	41	11.3
3.25 to 3.49	1			1	2	1		2	1	7	1	14	30	8.3
3.50 to 3.74	1						1	3	4	6	1	8	24	6.6
3.75 to 3.99	1	1						1	5	2		4	12	3.9
4.00 to 4.49	2							1	2	1	2	3	11	3.1
4.50 to 5.00											2		2	0.6
Total.....	19	4	11	14	23	12	1 55	31	43	1 62	7	80	361	100.0
Ross:														
0.00 to 2.24								1	1	1			3	1.1
2.25 to 2.49			2				3	2	4	2			13	4.6
2.50 to 2.74		1	2	1	1	1	7	3	6	7			29	10.3
2.75 to 2.99			1		3	1	14	4	10	7			40	14.2
3.00 to 3.24	4		3	3	6	1	15	4	1	13			50	17.8
3.25 to 3.49			1	6	6	4	10	5	3	6	1		42	14.9
3.50 to 3.74	8	2	1	3	4		3	6	6	5	1		39	13.9
3.75 to 3.99	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	2	11			28	10.0
4.00 to 4.24	3				2				2	6	1		14	5.0
4.25 to 4.49						2		1	4	2	1		10	3.6
4.50 to 4.74	2							1	2	3	1		9	3.1
4.75 to 4.99									2		1		3	1.1
5.00 to 6.00											1		1	0.4
Total.....	19	4	11	14	23	12	2 54	31	43	63	7	80	281	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Determinations not made on one sample.<sup>2</sup> Two not made.

In the total column of the Winton number, most of the samples have a number between 2.00 and 3.50. In some States the variation is rather small; for example, New York shows 83 per cent of samples between 2.00 and 2.74, Indiana 70 per cent of samples between 2.50 and 3.24 while in West Virginia no samples were found with a number below 3.00.

With the Ross number the largest percentage of samples falls between 2.50 and 3.99, New York showing 72 per cent between 2.75

and 3.49, Indiana nearly 50 per cent of samples with a lead number between 3.50 and 3.74, and West Virginia no samples below 3.25.

Ross<sup>1</sup> indicates that the excess of both lead subacetate and sugar exert a marked effect upon the lead subacetate precipitate and shows that the effect of the excess of sugar is relatively greater. In the procedure for his method potassium sulphate is added to the solution before the lead subacetate to overcome the solvent action of the sugar upon the lead precipitate. Ross believes this solvent action to be the cause of the lead number of mixtures of maple and cane sirup not being proportional to the percentage of maple present. The figures by Ross lead number given herein, however, apply only to sirups having a density of approximately 65 per cent solids which were made up from pure maple sugar, and the application of lead number determinations to mixtures of maple and cane sugar sirup has not been entered into in connection with this bulletin. In Table XIX the increase of the individual samples is grouped by differences of 0.10 and by States.

TABLE XIX.—*Differences between Winton and Ross lead numbers.*

Lead number.	Number of samples.											Per-centage of sam-ples.	
	Ind.	Me.	Md.	Mass.	Mich.	N. H.	N. Y.	Ohio.	Pa.	Vt.	W. Va.		Total.
Winton higher than Ross.....								2				2	0.7
Winton and Ross equal.....										1		1	.3
Ross higher by less than 0.10.....							1	3	4		1	9	3.2
Ross higher by more than:													
0.10.....	1		2					2	4		1	10	3.6
.20.....			3	1			2	3	2	1	1	13	4.6
.30.....			2	1	1		5	2	4	3	2	20	7.1
.40.....	2	1	1	1			11	1	8	8	1	34	12.2
.50.....			2	3	2		10	1	8	11		37	13.2
.60.....	3			2	4		7	4	5	6		31	11.1
.70.....	4			2	6	3	5	4	4	12		40	14.3
.80.....	6	1		1	5	3	7	3	1	10		37	13.2
.90.....	2	1	1	1	3	4	2	4	1	6	1	24	8.6
1.00.....	1			1	2		2	1				7	2.5
1.10.....				1		1	3	1		2		8	2.9
1.20.....		1								2		3	1.1
1.30.....						1	1		1			3	1.1
1.40.....									1			1	.3
Total.....	19	4	11	14	23	12	54	31	43	62	7	280	100.0
Difference:													
Average.....	69	93	38	68	81	100	63	55	50	69	50		
Maximum.....	112	126	92	116	104	133	137	121	142	129	95		
Minimum.....	48	49	16	29	35	74	8		3		6		

The increase varies greatly in the samples, the greatest increase being 1.42 and the least 0.15. Eighty per cent of the samples show an increase of from 0.30 to 1. Table XX gives the results of samples that show little difference between the two numbers, from which it is seen that factors other than the solubility of the lead precipitate in the sugar solution enter into the amount of the lead number.

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Chem. Cir. 53.

TABLE XX.—*Samples with Winton and Ross lead numbers showing slight variation.*

State.	Serial No.	Lead numbers.		
		Winton.	Ross.	Difference.
Ohio.....	6315	3.61	3.57	-0.04
Do.....	6318	3.47	3.32	— .15
Vermont.....	6788	3.58	3.58	.00
New York.....	7561	2.37	2.45	+ .08
Ohio.....	6313	3.53	3.62	+ .09
Do.....	6373	2.16	2.22	+ .06
Do.....	6374	2.23	2.25	+ .02
Pennsylvania.....	6882	3.22	3.30	+ .08
Do.....	6884	2.77	2.86	+ .09
Do.....	6864	3.68	3.71	+ .03
Do.....	6872	3.69	3.74	+ .05
West Virginia.....	7503	4.64	4.70	+ .06

## MALIC ACID VALUE.

The average of all determinations was 0.93, with extremes of 1.72 and 0.51. This average is a little below that obtained on sap sirups, 1.01, and the extremes are not as far apart as in sap sirups. The results by localities and groups of 0.10 and 0.25 are tabulated in Table XXI.

TABLE XXI.—*Malic acid value of sugar, by locality.*

Malic acid value.	Number of samples.												Percentage of samples.	
	Ind.	Me.	Md.	Mass.	Mich.	N.H.	N.Y.	Ohio.	Pa.	Vt.	W. Va.	Canada.		Total.
0.00 to 0.59.....									<sup>1</sup> 1	<sup>2</sup> 1			2	0.7
.60 to .69.....		1	1		6		3	2	3	8		2	26	7.2
.70 to .79.....	2		5	1	2	4	14	8	7	7		9	59	16.3
.80 to .99.....	8	3	3	9	12	4	30	7	16	26		25	143	39.2
1.00 to 1.24.....	7		2	4	3	4	9	12	14	19	2	29	105	29.0
1.25 to 1.49.....	2							1	2	2	2	14	23	6.3
1.50 to 1.74.....											3	1	4	1.3
Total.....	19	4	11	14	23	12	56	<sup>3</sup> 30	43	63	7	80	<sup>3</sup> 362	100.0

<sup>1</sup> 0.59.<sup>2</sup> 0.51.<sup>3</sup> One missing.

The largest number of samples falls in the groups from 0.70 to 1.24. Two samples show figures below 0.60, one from Pennsylvania with a value of 0.59, and one from Vermont with a value of 0.51, while in the sap sirup 6 out of the 480 showed values below 0.60, one being as low as 0.21.

## TANNIN REACTION.

The ferric-chlorid test showed indications of tannin in nearly one-third of the samples, being very strong in 10 samples. In all cases where tannin was noted the color of the sirup was dark, and in most of these the flavor was poor. The fact that tannin was found in a larger number of the sugar-sirup samples than of the sap-sirup samples may be accounted for by the fact that less care was taken in the preparation of the maple sugar than in that of the sap sirup. Many

tests have been made of the fresh sap in different bushes with ferric chlorid, but in no case has a coloration due to tannin been noted. Tannin is present in sap that has stood during a rainstorm, as well as in dirty sap.

UNDETERMINED MATTER.

As this is a difference figure, it is influenced by the accuracy of the other determinations. The highest figure noted for the United States samples was 5.84, and the minimum was 0, the average being 1.70. This difference is almost entirely accounted for when ash, which is weighed as a carbonate, is calculated to a malate, in which condition it is supposed to occur naturally.

CANADIAN MAPLE SUGARS.

Comparison of Canadian sap sirups with those from the United States showed that they were darker in color and gave lower analytical results.<sup>1</sup> The same comparison on maple sugars shows that on an average the analytical figures for Canadian samples are slightly higher than those for the United States. Table XXII gives the average results.

TABLE XXII.—*Comparison of analytical results for Canadian and United States sugar.*

Determination.	United States samples (283).	Canadian samples (80).	Determination.	United States samples (283).	Canadian samples (80).
Sucrose.....per cent..	91.89	86.48	Insoluble ash.....per cent..	0.33	0.45
Invert sugar.....do....	5.46	8.76	Soluble ash.....do.....	.62	.61
Undetermined.....do....	1.70	3.70	Winton lead number.....	2.68	3.04
Total ash.....do.....	.95	1.06	Ross lead number.....	13.34	23.66
Total.....do.....	100.00	100.00	Malic acid value.....	.91	1.03

<sup>1</sup> Average of determinations on 282 samples.

<sup>2</sup> Average of determinations on 26 samples. Determination not made on rest of the 80 samples.

The darker color of the Canadian samples was due to the process of manufacture rather than to the environment or climate, for products as light colored as those manufactured in the United States are made in Canada. Crudeness in the process leads to dark, strong-flavored products, which are of no value for consumption in that condition, but find a market in mixtures of maple and sugar sirups or for giving flavor to a sirup.

The Canadian samples may be grouped into three divisions, those coming from Beauce and the surrounding townships, those from the region below Montreal, centered around Sherbrook and Waterloo, and those above Montreal in Joliette Township. Figure 1 shows the relative location of these townships, as well as the average figures for the important analytical determinations.



The southern maple-producing States, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, show higher figures than the northern States, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Michigan. This relationship becomes more evident when the figures are inserted in a map of the United States in the region from which the samples come. In the western group, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, the sectional differences are very marked. With the exception of the Maryland figures, the drop in all determinations as one goes north is very marked. From West

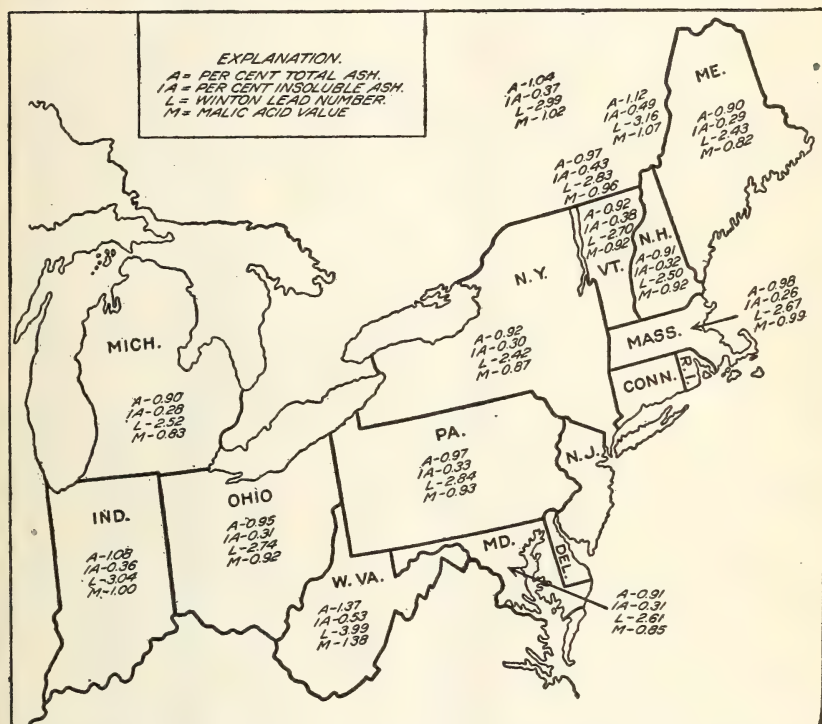


Fig. 2.—Map showing effect of environment on analytical results of maple sugar, United States.

Virginia to Michigan there is a drop of 0.47 per cent in ash, of 0.25 per cent in insoluble ash, of 1.47 in Winton lead number and 1.16 in Ross lead number, and of 0.55 in the malic acid value. In the eastern section, comprising New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, the drop as one goes north is not so great. From Massachusetts to Maine, the drop in total ash is 0.08 per cent, in insoluble ash none, in Winton lead number 0.24, in Ross lead number none, and in malic acid value 0.17.

It is evident, then, that environment plays some part in the composition of maple sugar.

# CHANGES IN COMPOSITION AND COLOR FROM SAP SIRUP TO SUGAR SIRUP.

The sirup from maple sugar has a more even color and flavor than sap sirup, due to the mixing of various grades of maple sugar. It is much darker in color than that of the original sap sirup, and the taste is greatly changed, although no comparative figures along this line are available.

Ten samples of the sap sirup were collected and analyzed; a portion of the sirup was then concentrated in a glass vessel over a lamp to the sugaring-off point, stirred, and allowed to cool. The sugar so produced was again dissolved in water to the consistency of commercial sap sirup, filtered, and analyzed. In this additional concentration, in most cases, very little precipitation occurred. There was enough, however, to make the sugar sirup cloudy, but this soon settled when allowed to stand. For comparison, the figures obtained on analysis were calculated to the dry basis.

TABLE XXIV.—*Changes in color and composition from maple-sap sirup to maple-sugar sirup.*

Kind of sirup.	Color.	Sucrose.	Invert sugar.	Ash.	Insoluble ash.	Lead number.	Malic acid value.
		<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		
Sap sirup.....	10	93.83	3.68	0.78	0.28	2.19	0.75
	7	96.80	.93	.84	.24	2.26	.84
	7	96.64	.45	.90	.23	2.00	.77
	9	95.10	1.84	.94	.40	2.84	1.05
	7+	95.43	1.20	1.07	.46	3.13	1.16
	9	95.23	.71	.87	.27	2.28	.87
	8	94.26	1.43	.83	.34	2.56	.85
	8	92.93	2.63	.82	.36	2.70	.87
	9+	95.15	.81	.80	.26	1.93	.69
	8	95.82	1.10	.82	.23	1.99	.73
Average.....	8.2	95.12	1.48	.87	.31	2.39	.86
Sugar sirup.....	12	83.03	8.86	.77	.22	2.04	.62
	9	96.10	1.51	.81	.22	1.96	.60
	9	96.18	1.07	.77	.22	2.42	.61
	9+	94.18	3.46	.80	.23	2.07	.63
	9	95.24	1.49	.88	.22	2.20	.66
	11	94.90	1.40	.85	.23	2.11	.59
	9	95.60	1.70	.79	.28	1.98	.64
	9	92.88	3.68	.80	.31	2.29	.69
	11	95.25	1.11	.85	.22	1.96	.69
	9	96.11	1.32	.83	.23	2.09	.74
Average.....	9.7	93.95	2.56	.81	.24	2.11	.65

Taking the individual determinations as given in Table XXIV, the color increases in every case, the average increase being two colors. If this concentration had been carried on under commercial conditions, the color would probably have been influenced to a greater extent, for the boiling in this instance was carried on under the best possible conditions, in glass apparatus. In concentration, the percentage of sucrose has decreased in nearly all cases, while at the same time there is an increase in the percentage of invert sugar, showing that longer and higher heating tends to break down the sucrose.

The percentage of ash drops from 0.87 to 0.81 per cent, and of insoluble ash from 0.31 to 0.24 per cent, the lime salts evidently being the ones eliminated. The figures for the lead number show a decrease of 0.28 from 2.39 to 2.11, and the malic acid value decreases from 0.86 to 0.65, all indicating that a malate of lime is precipitated.

### MOISTURE IN MAPLE SUGAR.

The percentage of moisture was determined in only a few of the samples of sugars. The percentage varied somewhat, as shown in Table XXV.

TABLE XXV.—*Moisture in maple sugar.*

Sample No.	Condition.	Mois- ture.	Sample No.	Condition.	Mois- ture.
Grain sugar:		<i>Per cent.</i>	Cake sugar—Con.		<i>Per cent.</i>
8413.....	Very dry.....	0.65	8360.....	Medium hard.....	6.28
8338.....	Medium dry.....	3.84	8362.....	do.....	6.46
8339.....	do.....	6.65	8364.....	do.....	6.78
8344.....	do.....	8.42	8366.....	do.....	9.67
8333.....	Soft.....	11.00	8367.....	do.....	7.43
Cake sugar:			8375.....	do.....	8.50
8325.....	Hard.....	4.19	8378.....	do.....	8.31
8324.....	do.....	5.28	8386.....	do.....	5.53
8349.....	do.....	8.18	8430.....	do.....	6.96
8350.....	do.....	7.35	8433.....	do.....	7.08
8351.....	do.....	5.87	8451.....	do.....	7.97
8387.....	Very hard.....	1.43	8452.....	do.....	9.45
8460.....	Hard.....	5.21	8454.....	do.....	8.57
8500.....	do.....	7.40	8501.....	do.....	6.22
8372.....	do.....	3.15	8346.....	Soft.....	10.79
8381.....	do.....	2.10	8347.....	do.....	9.64
8326.....	Medium hard.....	8.88	8348.....	do.....	10.41
8327.....	do.....	9.21	8352.....	do.....	10.60
8345.....	do.....	7.53	8353.....	do.....	10.40
8354.....	do.....	7.79	8365.....	do.....	10.66
8355.....	do.....	8.24	8374.....	do.....	10.27
8356.....	do.....	7.95	8434.....	do.....	9.88
8358.....	do.....	6.97	8463.....	do.....	11.20
8359.....	do.....	6.32	8466.....	do.....	10.44

As the percentage of water increases, the cake becomes softer, but no exact lines can be drawn on moisture content between soft and hard sugar. This depends to a great extent on the moisture content, but also on the chemical composition, that is, on the percentage of invert sugar. In general, sugars having more than 9 per cent of water are soft enough to drain badly. In fact, if most cakes with even 7 per cent of water were allowed to stand for some time there would be an appreciable quantity of drained molasses. In the 47 samples examined, the moisture content varied from 0.65 to 11.20 per cent. A former publication <sup>1</sup> gives as the maximum for moisture 11 per cent and the minimum 3.05 per cent. Hortvet <sup>2</sup> reports samples with 4.27 to 15.67 per cent of moisture, while McGill <sup>3</sup> reports analyses of 83 samples with a moisture content of from 0.06 to 7.06 per cent.

The method proposed by Stanek <sup>4</sup> with his tables, using an immersion refractometer, was the one used for this determination. The great value of this method lies in its quick and comparable results.

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Dept. Agr., Bu. Chem. Cir. 40.

<sup>2</sup> Jour. Amer. Chem. Soc., 26 (1904), p. 1523.

<sup>3</sup> Lab. Inland Rev. Dept. Canada Bul. 258.

<sup>4</sup> Zeit. Zuckerind. Böhmen, 35 (1910), p. 57; 35 (1911), p. 187.

In this method specially standardized 100 cc flasks are used. Upon their necks are etched marks showing where 100 grams of recently boiled distilled water reach, at a temperature of 17.5° C. The correctness of all readings depends on this graduation.

Twenty grams of the sample are weighed and transferred with water to one of these flasks. The sugar is dissolved by shaking, and the flask, after being filled almost to the mark with water, is allowed to stand in a constant temperature bath for 20 or 30 minutes with occasional shaking. The volume is then completed with water of the same temperature, the solution shaken, and a reading taken with the immersion refractometer, the temperature being noted at the same time with an accurate thermometer (better calibrated to one-tenth). If the temperature is any other than 17.5° C., the reading obtained must be corrected by the figures opposite the temperature in Table XXVI. For readings taken at temperatures below 17.5° C. the correction is subtracted, and for readings at temperatures above 17.5° C. the correction is added.

TABLE XXVI.—*Temperature corrections.*<sup>1</sup>

Tem- pera- ture.	Num- ber to be sub- tracted.	Tem- pera- ture.	Num- ber to be added.	Tem- pera- ture.	Num- ber to be added.	Tem- pera- ture.	Num- ber to be added.
° C.		° C.		° C.		° C.	
15.0	0.72	17.6	0.03	20.2	0.82	22.8	1.62
15.1	.70	17.7	.06	20.3	.85	22.9	1.65
15.2	.67	17.8	.09	20.4	.88		
15.3	.64	17.9	.12	20.5	.91	23.0	1.69
15.4	.61			20.6	.94	23.1	1.72
15.5	.58	18.0	.15	20.7	.97	23.2	1.75
15.6	.55	18.1	.18	20.8	1.00	23.3	1.78
15.7	.52	18.2	.21	20.9	1.03	23.4	1.81
15.8	.49	18.3	.24			23.5	1.85
15.9	.46	18.4	.27	21.0	1.06	23.6	1.88
		18.5	.30	21.1	1.09	23.7	1.91
16.0	.44	18.6	.33	21.2	1.12	23.8	1.96
16.1	.41	18.7	.36	21.3	1.15	23.9	1.99
16.2	.38	18.8	.39	21.4	1.18		
16.3	.35	18.9	.42	21.5	1.22	24.0	2.03
16.4	.32			21.6	1.25	24.1	2.06
16.5	.29	19.0	.45	21.7	1.28	24.2	2.09
16.6	.26	19.1	.48	21.8	1.31	24.3	2.12
16.7	.23	19.2	.51	21.9	1.34	24.4	2.15
16.8	.20	19.3	.54			24.5	2.19
16.9	.17	19.4	.57	22.0	1.37	24.6	2.22
		19.5	.61	22.1	1.41	24.7	2.25
17.0	.15	19.6	.64	22.2	1.44	24.8	2.29
17.1	.12	19.7	.67	22.3	1.47	24.9	2.32
17.2	.09	19.8	.70	22.4	1.50		
17.3	.06	19.9	.73	22.5	1.53	25.0	2.35
17.4	.03	20.0	.76	22.6	1.56	25.1	2.38
17.5	.00	20.1	.79	22.7	1.59	25.2	2.42
						25.3	2.45

<sup>1</sup> Stanek, Zeit. Zuckerind. Böhmen, 35 (1911), p. 187.

The percentage of the dry substance is then obtained from Table XXVII.

TABLE XXVII.—*Dry substance equivalent to temperature corrected immersion refractometer readings (20 grams to 100 cc).*<sup>1</sup>

Refractometer reading. <sup>2</sup>	Dry substance.	Refractometer reading. <sup>2</sup>	Dry substance.	Refractometer reading. <sup>2</sup>	Dry substance.	Refractometer reading. <sup>2</sup>	Dry substance.
° C.	Per cent.	° C.	Per cent.	° C.	Per cent.	° C.	Per cent.
74.0	77.35	79.0	83.70	84.0	90.05	89.0	96.35
75.0	78.60	80.0	84.95	85.0	91.30	90.0	97.60
76.0	79.90	81.0	86.25	86.0	92.60	91.0	98.85
77.0	81.15	82.0	87.50	87.0	93.85	92.0	100.00
78.0	82.40	83.0	88.75	88.0	95.10		

<sup>1</sup> Stanek, Zeit. Zuckerind., Böhmen, 35 (1911), p. 187.    <sup>2</sup> Tenths of readings may be interpolated.

Subtracting the percentage of dry substance from 100 gives the percentage of moisture.

To illustrate the manner of using the tables, 20 grams of sugar made up at 15.5° C. gave a reading of 90.15. The correction for 15.5° C. is 0.58, which subtracted from 90.15 gives 89.57. The dry substance for 89.0 is 96.35 per cent and for 90.0 it is 97.60 per cent, a difference of 1.25 per cent. Fifty-seven hundredths of 1.25 is 0.71, which added to 96.35 gives 97.06, the percentage of dry substance, or a moisture content of 2.94 per cent.

Table XXVIII shows that the results by this method approached very nearly the results of the usual drying method.

TABLE XXVIII—*Moisture content of sugar by drying and by refractometer.*

Sample No.	Drying.	Refractometer.
	Per cent.	Per cent.
1.....	1.35	1.40
2.....	.62	.65
3.....	2.32	2.40
4.....	.85	.90
5.....	1.96	2.09

### MAPLE CREAM, HONEY, AND WAX.

Among the numerous products made from maple sap may be mentioned maple cream (or maple butter), maple honey, and maple wax.

*Maple cream* is produced by boiling the sirup to a density slightly heavier than that for a soft sugar and suddenly cooling the product, stirring all the time with a large spoon or paddle. This beating and cooling tends to produce microscopic crystals of sugar which give the product a creamy appearance and do not separate out on standing if the proper density is maintained. An early run of sirup is not the best for this product, as some inversion of the sucrose is necessary to obtain the best results. This product has been called maple butter in some sections and is frequently prepared by farmers.

*Maple honey* is the name often given to a light-colored maple sirup which has been boiled to a density slightly heavier than that of sap sirup, or similar to that of strained honey. The sirup could hardly be an early run, but should be one in which there has been some inversion of the sucrose, for otherwise the product will soon crystallize. As this substance has no connection with bees and is never stored in combs, the fitness of its name may be questioned.

*Maple wax* is prepared by boiling sap sirup to a density nearly equal to that of hard sugar, but without stirring, and then pouring the product over snow or ice to secure an immediate cooling, thereby preventing crystallization of the sugar. This can be made only in small quantities and does not keep its waxy condition for any length of time.

As in the case of maple sugar, chemical examination of these products should be carried on by concentrating them in solution to a sirup with a density of 65, calculating the analytical results so obtained to the moisture-free basis, and determining the original moisture content.

### CONCLUSIONS.

#### ANALYTICAL FIGURES OF PURE MAPLE PRODUCTS.

*Moisture.*—Maple sirup should have a density equivalent to at least 65 per cent dry substance or, in other words, it should weigh 11 pounds to the gallon. A thinner product does not keep, and a heavier one shows more or less crystallization, depending on the quality of the sap and on manufacturing conditions. Maple sugar with a water content much over 5 per cent is runny and drains easily. In tub sugar, the moisture content may run as high as 10 to 12 per cent, but beyond this the sugar becomes mushy.

*Sugars.*—Sucrose normally constitutes about 95 per cent of the dry substance of the maple product, and, together with about 3 per cent of reducing sugars, forms the total sugar content. In some samples sucrose constituted about 97.5 per cent of the product. In normal sirup, or sirup in which no acid fermentation has taken place, the sum of the sucrose and the reducing sugars calculated to sucrose by the factor 0.95 will give a figure ranging very close to 97.5 per cent of the dry substance.

*Ash.*—The total ash is an important figure in the analysis of a maple product. The average percentage in 481 samples of maple sap sirup was found to be 1 per cent, with extremes of 1.68 and 0.68. In the 363 samples of maple sugars, the average was 0.98 per cent, with extremes of 1.70 and 0.76 per cent, all figured to a dry basis. Examining the results on these samples critically, we find that out of the 844 samples 10 have an ash content of 0.77 per cent or lower (Table XXIX).

TABLE XXIX.—*Samples of maple products with a total ash content of 0.77 per cent or less.*

Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.	Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>				<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		
6680.....	0.68	0.26	2.22	0.66	7743.....	0.76	0.45	1.86	0.75
8365.....	.77	.23	1.96	.61	(1)	.77	.22	2.04	.62
8354.....	.77	.23	2.13	1.15	(1)	.77	.22	2.42	.61
8349.....	.77	.22	1.86	.92	(2)	.76	.25	1.87	.62
8351.....	.76	.23	1.85	.78	(2)	.77	.24	1.86	.60

<sup>1</sup> Taken from experimental work on change in color from sap to sugar sirup.

<sup>2</sup> Taken from experimental work on resugaring.

Thus, in the examination of 844 samples, it is noted that a total ash content of 0.68 per cent has been found in one case only, and 0.76 per cent in three cases only; all other samples give 0.77 per cent or over. In these four cases, all other figures are within those found in normal products, namely, Winton lead number 1.85 or over, insoluble ash 0.23 or over, and malic acid 0.59 or over. It seems then that percentages of ash lower than 0.77 per cent are abnormal figures and do not necessarily indicate a mixture with other sirup, especially cane-sugar sirups.

The insoluble ash analysis is of equal importance with that of the total ash. Among the sap sirups the lowest insoluble ash content was found to be 0.23 per cent, with an average of 0.37 per cent and an extreme of 1.01 per cent. Three samples of sugar sirups had an insoluble ash content below 0.23 per cent, but the average was 0.36 per cent and the extreme 1 per cent, practically the same as in the case of sap sirup. In the experimental work about five additional samples with an insoluble ash content of 0.22 per cent were found. The results on these eight samples appear in Table XXX.

TABLE XXX.—*Samples of maple products with an insoluble ash content below 0.23 per cent.*

Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.	Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>				<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		
8349.....	0.77	0.22	1.86	0.92	(1)	0.77	0.22	2.42	0.61
8344.....	.78	.21	1.85	.59	(1)	.81	.22	1.96	.60
8330.....	.81	.22	2.01	.77	(1)	.88	.22	2.20	.66
(1)	.77	.22	2.04	.62	(1)	.85	.22	1.96	.69

<sup>1</sup> Taken from experimental work on change in color from sap to sugar sirup.

All have a total ash content of 0.77 per cent or higher, a Winton lead number of 1.85 or higher, and a malic acid value of 0.59 or higher. With the possible exception of No. 8344, these samples are abnormal in their insoluble ash content but normal in the other figures. Finding only 3 samples out of 844 with an insoluble ash

content lower than 0.23 per cent and with other figures normal, it seems fair to conclude that a pure maple product should have at least 0.23 per cent insoluble ash or, if it has less, that the other figures should be above the minima.

*Winton lead number.*—Much stress is laid upon the Winton lead number in judging a maple product. Among the 481 sap sirups, the lowest number was 1.76, the next being 1.85, the highest 4.41, and the average 2.70. With the maple sugars, the lowest was 1.85, the highest 4.95, and the average 2.76.

TABLE XXXI.—*Samples of maple products with a Winton lead number of 0.85 or lower.*

Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.	Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>				<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		
6693.....	0.97	0.26	1.76	0.31	6635.....	0.91	0.27	1.85	1.68
6613.....	.88	.23	1.85	.79	6827.....	.77	.23	1.85	.72
6577.....	.80	.23	1.85	.73	6891.....	.83	.35	1.85	.80
6768.....	.78	.24	1.85	.80	8344.....	.78	.21	1.85	.59

The sample with 1.76 was abnormal in this respect, being the only one out of 844, but the other determinations are above the selected minima. The total ash in each case is 0.77 per cent or over, and in only one case, No. 8344, is the insoluble ash content below 0.23 per cent. In two cases, however, the malic acid value is below 0.60. Here one sample only out of 844 has a lead number below 1.85, and as this sample is normal in ash and insoluble ash, 1.85 should be considered the lower limit for such a figure.

*Ross lead number.*—This determination was not made in the case of the sap sirups. It was made in 282 of the 283 sugar sirups from the United States and in 26 of the 80 sugar sirups from Canada. Of these 308 samples, only 6 cases were noted in which values of 2.35 or lower were obtained. The lowest value found was 2.20, the highest 5.90, and the average 3.50.

TABLE XXXII.—*Samples of maple sugars with a Ross lead number of 2.35 or lower.*

Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Ross lead number.	Malic acid value.	Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Ross lead number.	Malic acid value.
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>				<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		
8344.....	0.78	0.21	2.20	0.59	7560.....	0.78	0.27	2.31	0.67
6373.....	.78	.36	2.22	.74	7512.....	.78	.23	2.32	.62
6374.....	.82	.39	2.25	.83	6617.....	.78	.34	2.35	.62

Of these six samples it is noted that, with the exception of 8344, determinations of other values do not fall below 0.77 total ash, 0.23 insoluble ash, and 0.60 malic acid. As, with the exception of 8344, these samples are not found in Table XXXII, it is apparent that the Winton lead value also was not below 1.85. Even in the case of

8344, the one apparently abnormal sample among some 844 samples, it is noted that all of the values do not fall below the minima just given. Applying the Ross lead number determination, which has been advanced for application in particular to mixtures of maple and cane sugar sirup, to pure maple products, it would appear that 2.25 should be considered the lower limit for this value.

*Malic acid value.*—Some food chemists lay great stress upon this determination, the minimum value for which in sap sirups was found to be 0.21, with an average of 1.01 and a maximum of 1.82. Only 6 samples out of the 481 had a value below 0.60. In the sugar sirups, the lowest value was 0.51, the next lowest 0.59, and all the rest were above 0.60, the average being 0.93 and the extreme 1.72. Table XXXIII shows the analytical figures of the samples having a malic acid value lower than 0.60.

TABLE XXXIII.—*Samples of maple products with a malic acid value below 0.60.*

Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.	Serial No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Winton lead number.	Malic acid value.
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>				<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		
6693.....	0.97	0.26	1.76	0.31	6926.....	0.87	0.35	1.98	0.52
6692.....	1.01	.24	2.36	.44	6915.....	.84	.23	2.65	.21
6773.....	.77	.26	2.63	.58	8344.....	.78	.21	1.85	.59
6918.....	.89	.26	1.86	.54	8379.....	.88	.29	2.28	.51

All these samples have a total ash content of 0.77 per cent or higher and with one exception an insoluble ash content of over 0.22. The lead number in each case, with one exception, is 1.85 or higher. It then seems proper to consider that a pure product must have a value of 0.60 per cent. Abnormal products may have a value below this, but they are not abnormal at the same time in ash or insoluble ash.

Considering the subject as a whole, a pure maple product does not yield figures below the minima set. In one or two of the determinations it might give a figure below the minimum for such a determination. If pure, however, it shows in the other determinations figures which exceed the minima.

The minima set are: Total ash 0.77 per cent, calculated to dry basis; insoluble ash 0.23 per cent, calculated to dry basis; Winton lead number 1.85, calculated to dry basis; malic acid value 0.60, calculated to dry basis.

These apply also to the samples of maple sirups which Jones <sup>1</sup> reports as having lower minima. Of the 34 samples reported by him as being low in some particular, 6 show all figures below the minima just stated. The remainder are above in some of the determinations.

<sup>1</sup> Vt. Agr. Exp. Sta. Bul. 167, p. 464.

TABLE XXXIV.—Analytical figures of six samples showing low results.<sup>1</sup>

[Calculated to dry basis.]

Sample No.	Total ash.	Insoluble ash.	Malic acid value.	Water in original sample.
	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>		<i>Per cent.</i>
106.....	0.69	0.22	0.59	30.48
119.....	.64	.22	.59	28.75
114.....	.71	.22	.56	30.69
107.....	.71	.21	.58	27.90
112.....	.71	.21	.44	31.34
108.....	.65	.20	.49	23.64

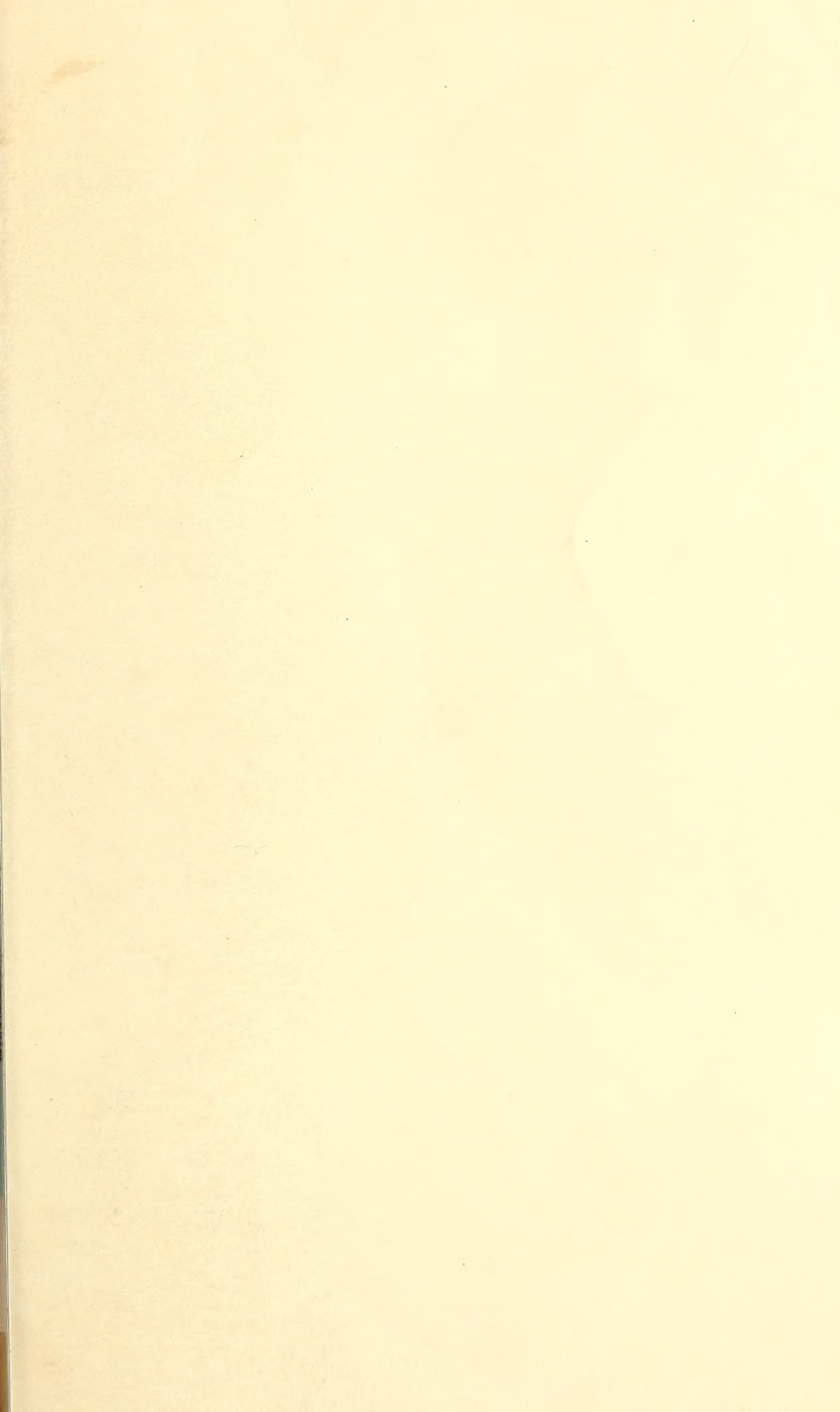
<sup>1</sup> Jones, Vt. Agr. Exp. Sta. Bul. 167, p. 464.

The first three samples in Table XXXIV show an insoluble ash content only 0.01 per cent below the minimum set. Of these three, two have a malic acid value 0.01 per cent below the minimum; the other, one that is 0.03 below. This deviation is almost too slight to consider. Although low in malic acid values, the insoluble and total ash figures of the three remaining samples, with the exception of No. 108, approach very closely the minima set. A comparison with the data in Table V (page 6) indicates that, with the exception of the malic acid value, the analytical figures of sample 108 are increased if water is added and the concentration not carried too far.

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